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Monday, January 8th, 1855.

This being the day appointed by the City Charter for the organization of the School Committee of the City of Boston, a meeting was held in the Common Council Chamber, at 4 o'clock P.M.—

The following gentlemen appear to have been elected members of the School Committee for the terms of one, two, and three years respectively, in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter; to wit.

Organization

Hon. J. V. C. Smith, Mayor, Chairman.
Joseph Story, President of the Common Council.

Elected for one year. Elected for two years. Elected for three yrs

Ward 1.

Moses Miller, Lyman B. Kenaford, Ephraim Buck,
Albert Day, Eli Thayer, George Fabyan.

Ward 2

Richard Soule Jr., Rufus W. Clark, James N. Sykes,
Samuel W. Hall, Warren H. Cudworth, Marcus B. Leonard.

Ward 3.

J. Proctor Haskins, N. Webster Farley, Sam'l A. Bradbury,
George W. Vose, Uriah K. Mayo, Isaac H. Hazelton.

Ward 4.

Francis E. Parker, Sam'l K. Lothrop, Nath'l B. Shurtleff,
Benj. S. Shaw, M. P. Stickney, Ezra Palmer Jr.

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Ward 5.

John F. Jarvis. Enoch Plummer. William Howe.
Aug.s O. Brewster. George Russell. Fred.k Emerson.

Ward 6.

Timothy Bigelow. Henry Upham. George W. Tuxbury.
Joel W. Hubbard. Josh.a G. Wilbur. Charles Thacher.

Ward 7.

J. Amory Davis. Aug.s A. Gould. Le Baron Russell.
Geo. W. Blagden. John Codman. Robt. W. Hooper.

Ward 8

Sam.l W. Bates. Rufus Ellis. Geo. H. Lyman.
John S. Holmes. J. J. J. Coolidge. Sam.l Parkman.

Ward 9.

Charles W. Calkins. George Norton. Otis A. Skinner.
John Newell. Ambrose A. Ranney. Wm. W. Baker.

Ward 10.

Enoch C. Rolfe. Sam.l Holbrook. Henry Willard.
Thaddeus Allen. Solo.n J. Gordon. Wm. M. Cornell.

Ward 11.

Colman L. Adams. Charles W. Moore. Norman C. Stevens.
Eph.m G. Ware. Alvah Hobbs. James A. Fox.

Ward 12.

Henry A. Drake. Jasper H. York. D.c K.c B. Thaxter Jr.
James D. Russell. Horace Smith. Calvin Damon.

His Honor the Mayor took the Chair and called the Meeting to order.

At the request of the Chairman, Rev. Dr. Lothrop opened the meeting

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Voted, that a Committee be appointed to receive and examine certificates of membership. The Chair appointed as that Committee Messrs. Emerson, Gordon, Baker, Tuley and Hobbs, who reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and had found satisfactory evidence of the membership of fifty-nine gentlemen present. Certificates of Membership.

Voted to proceed to the election of a Secretary. The Chair appointed Messrs. Lothrop, Shurtleff and Drake a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes; who attended to that duty and reported that the whole number of votes was 57; necessary to a choice, 29; Barnard Capen had 46, Enoch C. Rolfe had 4, Lyman B. Hanaford, 2, William H. Baker, 2, L. M. Stevens, 1, and 1 blank. Secretary chosen.

Mr Capen was, thereupon, declared elected.

The Chairman read a communication from Mr. Eli Thayer, a member-elect from Ward One, declining to serve as a member of the School Committee. Eli Thayer declines serving.

Voted to adopt the Rules and Regulations of the last Board, until otherwise ordered. Voted, That Messrs. Lothrop, Emerson, Palmer, Drake and Tuckey be a Committee to prepare Rules and Regulations for this Rules & Regulations adopted, & Com^e to prepare.—

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Primary Sch. Com^ee communication from Secy of.

The Chair read a communication from Mr. Charles Demond, Secretary of the Primary School Committee, transmitting a vote passed by that body, directing him to inform the School Committee that the Schools, records and papers, of which the Primary Committee have had charge, are subject to the order and direction of said School Committee.

Secy to receive records &c. of P. S. Com^ee.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to receive all records and other property belonging to the Primary School Committee.

Voted, That, when this Board adjourn, it be to meet on Tuesday, Jan'y 16th.

Com^ee on communica^n of P. S. Comm^ee.

Voted, That Messrs. Lothrop, Sykes and Bates be a Committee to prepare a suitable reply to the communication of the Primary School Committee.

Vacancies in the Board refered.

Voted, That the communication of Mr. Eli Thayer, a member elect from Ward One, declining to serve upon this Board, together with the subject of the vacancy occasioned by the decease of Dr. Samuel Parkman, of Ward Eight, be refered to the Committee on Credentials; and that said Committee report to this Board.

Salary of Secretary.

Voted, That the salary of the Secretary of this Board be fixed at eight hundred dollars for the ensuing year.

Voted to adjourn.

Attest: Barnard Capen, Secretary.

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An adjourned meeting of the Third Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, Jan. 16th, 1855, at 4 o'clock P.M. His Honor the Mayor in the Chair.

Prim. School Committee; - Rep't of Com'e on communication from Secy of. -

The special Committee, to whom was refered a communication from Charles Demond, Secretary of the late Primary School Committee, informing this Board that the records and papers of said Primary School Committee were subject to its order, have attended to that subject and respectfully submit the following

Report: -

The Primary School Committee and the Grade of Schools under its charge were instituted by a vote of the town of Boston in 1818.

By the adoption of the new City Charter which went into operation at the commencement of the present year, this Primary School Committee became extinct, and its functions and the Schools under its charge are transfered to the direct care of this Board.

When first instituted, in 1818, the Primary School Committee consisted of thirty-six members; twenty-five Primary Schools were established, and about one thousand children were in attendance. At the time it became extinct, the Committee consisted of 196 members;

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and bequeathed to our care 197 Schools, at which over 12,000 pupils attended.

In view of these facts, however satisfactory may be the various reasons that prevailed with the public mind to produce the change which has been adopted, all will admit that the plan which has now been abandoned had many excellencies; that, under it, this department of Public Instruction has been constantly enlarged to meet the wants of the increasing population of the City; and that the gentlemen who, from time to time have served on this Committee, - many of them for many years - have generally been men of integrity, honor and public spirit, who have aimed at a strict and faithful discharge of the duties of their trust, and who are entitled to the gratitude of the community for the services they have rendered.

It seems proper to your Committee, that some expression of this sentiment should be put upon the records of this Board.

For this purpose they submit the following resolution, and recommend its adoption:-

Respectfully submitted.

S. K. Lothrop, for the Committee.

Resolved, - That, in receiving the records and papers of the late Primary School Committee, this Board, in behalf of the citizens of Boston, by whom they have been entrusted with the guar-

dianship of the great interests of Public Instruction, desire to place upon their records an expression of the just appreciation which they entertain of the value and fidelity of the services of those gentlemen who, from time to time have been members of said Primary School Committee, and have zealously discharged its duties. Read, accepted, and the resolution passed.

Vacancies in the Board: Report of Committee.

The Committee to whom were referred the case of vacancy in the Board occasioned by the death of Dr. Samuel Parkman, and the communication of Mr. Eli Thayer, declining to serve in the Board, respectfully

Report:-

That, although Dr. Parkman was elected to the Board, he has never appeared among us. His seat was rendered vacant by his death, before the day of our first meeting.

Your Committee regard the event as a marked illustration of the uncertainty that attends human purposes, involving a demand on our faith that the grievous providences of God are but necessary parts of a divine system of benevolence, broader than our comprehension, wiser than our conception. Dr. Parkman was well understood by those who knew him well, to be possessed of an acute mind and a kind heart;- qualifications that happily fitted him for the performance of the duties of a member of this Board. He had already

Jan. 16th, 1855. served one year in the Board, and our predecessors have left on record their testimony to the value of his services.

In the case of Mr. Thayer, it appears that he declines serving in the Board, and, as it is understood on account of the demands of his private business at this time. Your Committee appreciate his qualifications for the office, and regret that he finds it necessary to decline; but the only course the Board can pursue is that of accepting his note as a resignation.

Your Committee propose the appointed resolve and order. Frederick Emerson, Chairman.

Resolved: That there is one vacant seat in the Board of School Committee, occasioned by the death of Dr. Samuel Parkman, who was elected a member of the Board, from Ward No. Eight; also, that there is one vacant seat, occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Eli Thayer, who was elected a member from Ward No. One.

Ordered: That a copy of the foregoing Resolve, with a copy of this Order, be sent to the Board of Aldermen; and the Board of Aldermen are hereby respectfully requested to order the two elections necessary to fill the two vacancies set forth in the Resolve.

Accepted, and the Resolve and Order adopted.

Referred Dr. Bartlett presented, in print, the Report of the

Committee appointed to prepare Rules and Regulations for this Board for the ensuing year. The Report was taken up and considered by Chapters, adopted, in part, and the portion not acted upon was laid upon the table. Jan. 16th, 1855. Regulations: Report of Com^e. on

Voted, that, when this Board adjourn, it be to meet on Tuesday next, at 4 o'clock P. M.-

The President then appointed the Standing Committees, which were approved by the Board, as follows:- Standing Committees.

On Elections - Messrs. Gordon, Jarvis, Farley, Hall's and Hanaford.

On Rules and Regulations - Messrs. Tuxbury, Sykes, Ranney, Wilbur and Adams.

On Salaries - Messrs. Drake, Baker, Hall, Fox, and Miller.

On Accounts - Messrs. Baker, Holmes, Shaw, Rolfe and Hubbard.

On Text-Books - Messrs. Skinner, Parker, Mann, Codman and Thacher.

On School Houses - Messrs. Hooper, Hazelton, Willard, Leonard, Day.

On the Latin School, Messrs. Shurtleff, Bigelow, Russell (of Ward 7) Thayer and Parker.

English High School, Messrs. Lothrop, Gould, Tuxbury, Cudworth and Damon.

Girls' High and Normal, Messrs. Russell (of Ward 7) Palmer, Soule, Bradbury and Cornell.

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Bigelow School District, Messrs. Duke, Hunter, York, Smith and Russell.

Bowdoin School District, - Messrs. Upham, Putnam, Bigelow, Hilton, Lovejoy, Hunter & Hunt.

Boylston School District - Messrs. Codman, Blagden, Davis, Gould, Seymour, Hooper, Russell, (C. B.) Holmes (and one vacancy.)

Brimmer School District, - Messrs. Skinner, Curtis, Savage, Lovell, Fenton, Gould, Seymour (and one vacancy.)

Chapman School District, - Messrs. Clark, Endsworth, Soule, Sykes, Hall and Leonard.

Dwight School District, - Messrs. Stearns, Howe, Wire, Hobbs, Adams, Rolfe, Fox, Holbrook and Willard.

Eliot School District, - Messrs. Fabyan, Buck, Hansford, Miller, Vose, Mayo, Farley, Haskins, (and one vacancy.)

Franklin School District, Messrs. Moore, Stevens, Coolidge, Newell, Adams, Hobbs, Rolfe, Allen and Norton.

Hancock School District, - Messrs. Buck, Hansford, Parker, Vose, Thum, Haskins, Farley, - Mayo, Miller, (and one vacancy.)

Hawes School District, Messrs. Damon, J. D. Russell, York, Duke and Smith.

Hyman School District, - Messrs. Sykes, Endsworth, Clark, Leonard, Fabyan, Stickney, Soule, Hall and Day.

Lathrop School District, - Messrs. York, Damon,

Thaxter, Drake, J. D. Russell, Fox, Holbrook, Ware & Smith. Jan. 16th, 1855.

Mayhew School District, Messrs. Hoskins, Hazelton, Bradbury, Loathrop, Stickney and Davis.

Phillips School District, Messrs. Howe, Bigelow, Upham, Hubbard, Thacher, Geo. Russell, & Brewster.

Quincy School District, Messrs. Connell, Ellis, Holbrook, Allen, Willard, Norton, Newell, Gordon, Bates and Holmes.

Smith School, Messrs. Hunnewell, Lothrop and Hubbard.

Wells School District, Messrs. Emerson, Brewster, Hunnewell, Geo. Russell, Howe, Jarvis, Hazelton and Hilton.

Winthrop School District, Messrs. Bates, Skinner, Lyman, Baker, Coolidge, Ellis, Running, Virden, Calkins, (and one vacancy.)

The Board then adjourned to Tuesday next, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

Jan. 25th 1855

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, January 25th, A.D. 1855. — The President of the Common Council in the Chair.

Rules and Regulations adopted.

Voted to take from the table that portion of the Report of the Committee on Printing relative to the Rules & Regulations, which was not acted upon at the last meeting. The same was taken up and considered; and the Rules and Regulations reported by the Committee, with the amendments made to them, were adopted (see City Document No 8.)

Out-of-School Study.

The Chair read a communication from Rev. C. F. Barnard in relation to the subject of out-of-school study. Voted, That it be received and placed on file.

Rules and Regulations to be printed.

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the Rules of the School Committee and Regulations of the Public Schools of the City of Boston, that have just been adopted, be printed.

Am. Vocal Hymn Book.

A communication from Mr. Asa Fitz, in relation to the American Vocal Hymn Book, was read, and ordered to be placed on file.

Am. School Journal.

A communication from Crosby, Nichols & Co. Publishers, in relation to a work entitled the School Journal, was read, and referred to the Com-

mittee on School-Books.

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On motion of Dr. Stevens -

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses take into consideration the present and prospective wants of the Dwight School District, for increased school-room facilities; and, if, on investigation, they deem them necessary, ask of the City Council a conference with the Committee on Public Buildings, in relation thereto, and in an appropriation, to meet such exigencies, as may be recommended.

Dwight School District: increased school-room facilities in.

Voted - That the Standing Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to define the limits of the School Districts.

School Dist^s to be defined.

Voted to adjourn.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

Feb. 6. 1855.

A Quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, February 6th A. D. 1855.— The President in the Chair.

Quarterly Reports.

The Quarterly Reports on the condition of all the Schools were read by the Chairmen of the respective District Committees, and were accepted by the Board.

English High School.— Book-Case for.

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings of the City Council be requested to provide Book-cases for the English High School, for the preservation and formation of such books as may be presented to said School by the Association of its Alumni.

Salary of Miss E. Ellis of Model School.

An Order, That the salary of an Assistant in the N. E. Q. S. School be paid to Miss Anna E. Ellis, for the term of her service as teacher in that school, from Dec. 6th, 1854, to Jan. 17th, 1855, was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Eliot School House alterations in.

A communication from the Eliot School District Committee, relative to alterations in the Eliot School House, was referred to the Committee on School-Houses.

Book Committee Report.

The Book Committee held a meeting on the 5th inst., for the purpose of examining the series of Drawing Lessons submitted to

them by C. W. & J. Bartholomew of this City. They found them admirably adapted to the purposes for which they were designed, and were united in the opinion that their introduction into our Schools, would be of very great service. They take the pupil along, step by step, till he has acquired a knowledge of the chief principles of the art; and each lesson will be accompanied by such explanatory rules that our present teachers can give all the instruction that will be required. The expense will be but a trifle a year. The course will occupy about five years, and the books, for that time, will not exceed the amount usually expended for writing books. Your Committee, therefore, beg leave to submit the following Order. All of which is respectfully submitted.- Otis A. Skinner, Chairman.-

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Bartholomew's Drawing Lessons.

Ordered, That W. & J. Bartholomew's Drawing Books, presenting a thorough course of instruction in the Art, in a series of progressive lessons, be introduced into our Grammar Schools.

Read, accepted, and the Order adopted.

Drawing Lessons.- Order adopted.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to prepare, and submit to the City Auditor, an Estimate of the appropriations required for the Public Schools for the next financial year.

Appropriations for the Schools.

The Committee on rules and regulations, to

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School Districts, & Organization of School Committees.

offered and referred the subject of School Districts and of altering their limits and organization. On motion of Mr. Soule, Voted to recommit, with instructions to add, in the printed Organization, the organization of the several School Committees.

Appointments on Standing Committees.

The President made the following nominations upon Standing Committees, which were confirmed by the Board:- viz. Isaac B. Mills of Ward No. One, on the Lyman the Eliot and the Hancock School Districts. John H. Hill, of Ward No. Eight, on the Boylston, Winnisimmet and Winthrop School Districts. Alfred Gay, of Ward No. One, transferred by request, from the Lyman to the Eliot and the Hancock School Districts.

Detention of pupils after School.

Mr. Drake offered the following Order- Ordered: That no Teacher in any of the Public Schools shall detain any pupil, either for punishment, or to make up neglected lessons, more than forty five minutes after the regular time for dismissing School. Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules & Regulations.

Salary of Chas. Butler.

An order for the payment of the Salary of Mr. Charles Butler, Music Teacher in the Franklin School, was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Instruction in Physiology

On motion of Mr. Hanaford, Voted, Mrs. Hanaford, Gould, Brimmer were appointed a

Committee to inquire what further instruction is nec- | Oct. 6. 1855.
essary to be given in Physiology and Hygiene in the | & Hygiene in
Normal, English High, and Latin Schools; and, if any, | certain Schools.
to report a plan of instruction.

On motion of Mr. Bates, | Seats to be
Ordered, That the Secretary provide the means by | drawn for
which the members of the Board may, at the next | by members.
meeting, draw for their seats. (This order was subsequently reconsidered and then readopted.)

Dr. Buck offered the follow- | Children of
ing order: Ordered, That no scholar whose parent | non-resident
or guardian has not a legal residence in the City | parents not to
of Boston, even though allowed to remain in | have medals.-
the Public Schools, shall be a candidate for a Medal. | subject
Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules | referred.
& Regulations.

Dr. Russell moved to rescind | Sect. 6. Chap. 10,
Sect. 6, Chap. 10, of the School Regulations, fixing | Regulations,
the age at which pupils shall no longer attend school. | rescinded.
Voted to suspend the Rules for immediate action.
The motion was then adopted.

Upon nomination by their | Confirmations.
respective Sub Committees, the following Teachers were | English High
confirmed: viz, Ephraim Hunt, Usher in the English
High School. Charles Butler, Music Teacher in the | Bowdoin.
Bowdoin School. Helen M. Caldwell, assistant in | Chapman.
the Chapman School. Eliza A. Harding, Head As-

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Dwight

Hancock

Phillips

Prim. Schools in

Hanover St.

Dwight

sistant in the Dwight School. Phineas T. Barnard, Sub Master, and Susan R. Hoyt, Head Assistant in the Hancock School. Clara Peace, Assistant in the Phillips School. Lydia A. Weed, and Teacher of the Primary School in Hanover St. Catharine [illegible] in the Dwight School.

Dissolved.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

April 2nd, 1853.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Monday, April 2nd, A.D. 1853, at 4 o'clock P.M. - The President in the Chair.

Com. on Elections.

The Committee on Elections, to whom were referred the certificates of Election to this Board presented by Isaac B. Mills, from Ward No. One, and John B. Tilly, from Ward No. Eight, ask leave to report, - That they have examined said certificates and find the same to be in due form of law.-

Per S. J. Gordon, Chairman.

Rep. Com. on Rules & Regulations.

The Committee on Rules & Regulations, to whom was referred the propriety of adopting a regulation that - "No teacher in any of the public schools shall detain any pupil, either for punishment or, to make up neglected lessons, more than fifty-five minutes after the regular time for dismissing school." offer the following

Rules & Regulations in relation to pupils in the school.

Report. -

The general regulations adopted by this Board fix, with great definiteness, the time both for opening and closing the public schools, & seem, at least, to imply that the teacher who detains his pupils beyond the time prescribed, more especially for purposes of study, is acting without the sanction of this Board. And, whether

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such sanction be added or withheld, it is believed to be at least questionable whether the public school teachers have any legal right to retain one pupil longer than another. But, whether the legal right exist or not — which your Committee would not undertake to decide — it is believed to be seldom expedient to adopt such a course, and only in cases of very great necessity, as the inconveniences and evils growing out of it, both to the teacher, the scholar and the parent, are likely to be, in most instances, greater than the advantages to be gained. If, however, the necessity exist; — if no other mode of proceeding can be resorted to as well; — then, your Committee are of opinion that it should be continued so long as it may be necessary to accomplish the object purpose intended.

A refractory scholar would sit resolutely through a fixed period of forty five minutes without showing the least sign of yielding obedience, when one half the same period, if indefinite and unlimited, might accomplish his entire subjection. This appears to be one of that class of occasional powers which had better be left to the discretion of the teacher, who, by observing carefully the fitness of time and manner, can accomplish by slight means, comparatively, what rigid and inexorable rules of punishment could never effect at all. Should it be said that the teacher will, and has been known to, abuse this confidence placed

in him, then fit such a teacher be held responsible for such abuse. The case seems to be one to be dealt with individually, between the teacher and the Committee, rather than to make the lack of a proper discretion in one, the occasion for interference with the reasonable discretion of all others. April 2nd, 1855.

The Committee, therefore, do not see the expediency of adopting the proposed regulation.

For the Committee, - Geo. W Tunbury, - Chairman

The Report was accepted and the proposed Regulation rejected.

Rep't Com'ee on Rules and Regulations. - on allowing Medals to children of non-residents.

The Committee on Rules & Regulations, to whom was referred an Order introduced at the last meeting of this Board - "That no scholar, whose parent or guardian has not a legal residence in the city of Boston, even though allowed to remain in the public schools, shall be a candidate for a medal." - respectfully submit the following

Report: -

By the 32nd Section of the 8th chapter of the General Regulations of this Board, it is provided that - "no child, whose parent or guardian has not a legal residence in the city of Boston, shall be admitted to a public school; nor shall any child, except by a special vote of this Board, be retained in any public school after said legal residence has been changed by the removal of the child's parents or guardian from the city."

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If this regulation is faithfully carried out, as our Committee hope and have a right to presume will be the case, no question of embarrassment can ever arise except in relation to those pupils whose parent or guardian are legal residents of the city at the time of their children's becoming members of the School. In a case like this, the general rule would require the child to leave the School when the parent or guardian should remove from the city; and the Committee believe the occasion will very seldom occur when it would be expedient to depart from the general rule. If, however, such a case should arise, whose peculiar circumstances would justify a special vote of exception by this Board, the Committee are of opinion that granting to a child permission to remain at all in the public School would be, in effect, and ought, in justice, to be, equivalent to granting him all the privileges and advantages of such public School, as at the time constituted. Any other course would be calculated to create invidious distinctions among Scholars of the same School; would be a discouragement rather than an encouragement to good scholarship and, especially, good behaviour, and thereby pervert, entirely, the only object for which medals are granted. And such a course, by making the mere accident of residence the most essential element of disqualification would have the effect to transfer the medal from one whose own merits deserved

it, to one who, in a fair competition with his school-fellows, would be wholly unable to obtain it. Your Committee are, therefore, unanimously of the opinion that the order referred to would be inexpedient and ought not to pass. For the Committee. Geo. W. Tuxbury, Chairman. April 2, 1855.

The Report was laid upon the table.

Mr. Crawford proposed an amendment to Sect. 32, Chap. 8, so that said Section shall read as follows:- "No child, whose parent or guardian has not a legal residence in the City of Boston, shall be admitted to a public school; nor shall any child be retained in any public school after said legal residence has been changed by the removal of the child's parents or guardian from the city; and no child having only a temporary residence expressly for the purpose of attending a public school, shall be admitted therein." Referred to the Committee on Rules & Regulations. Amendment proposed to Regulations; Children of non-residents not to attend the public schools.

The Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations was then taken from the table; - the report was accepted, and the Order rejected.

On motion of Dr. Cornell, Ordered That the Primary School taught by Miss Mary Williams be transferred from the Winthrop to the Quincy Sch. Dist. No.

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Rep't Com'ee on Winthrop District

The Committee on the Winthrop School District respectfully

Report:

That the new School-house erected for the accommodation of the Grammar School in this District has been completed, the dedication has taken place, the building has been surrendered to the School Committee, and the pupils of what formerly constituted the Johnson and the Winthrop Schools have assembled, in accordance with the votes of the Board of last year, in the new Building, and now constitute the Winthrop Grammar School in Girls. The limits of the present Winthrop School District include all that was formerly embraced in the limits of the Johnson and Winthrop Schools, and, consequently, the District is very large; and your Committee find that the new Building is not sufficiently large to accommodate all the pupils in the District. The number of pupils belonging to the School on the First of March, after the Primary Scholars had been admitted, was nine hundred and forty; of these, forty have left, & have been transferred; leaving exactly one thousand pupils now connected with the School.

The number of seats in the new Building is nine hundred and sixty-nine, and there are no accommodations for more pupils than that number; & your Committee deem it necessary that there should be such alteration of the limits of the District as will

enable the School to furnish proper accommodations April 2nd, 1855
for all the pupils therein contained.

It appears that the Boylston School has all the pupils that it can accommodate, and that the Franklin School has room for some hundred pupils more than now attend. Your Committee find that by changing a portion of the present boundary line between the Winthrop and Franklin Districts, they can transfer some sixty five pupils from the Winthrop to the Franklin School without much inconvenience to the pupils transferred, - that this will fill up the Franklin School nearly to its compliment, and greatly relieve the Winthrop School. - They therefore unanimously report the accompanying Order, and recommend it passage. Respectfully submitted.

For the Committee, Sam'l W. Bates, Chair'n.

Ordered, That the boundary line between the Winthrop School District and the Franklin School District be, and the same hereby is, altered in part, so that the same, instead of running from Warren St, South through the centre of Washington to Pine, through Pine to Harrison Avenue, through Harrison Avenue to East Orange, through the centre of East Orange, to the Water, shall, for the future, run from Warren Street, North through the centre of Washington St to Oak St, and thence through Oak St, extended, to the Water, excluding both sides of said Street; and that the Clerk of the Winthrop

Jan. 22, 1883 School Records & the Franklin School all of the pupils in the Winthrop School, excepting those in the First Class, who reside South of the said new boundary line. Read, accepted, and the Order referred to the Joint Committees on the Winthrop & Franklin School Districts, with full power to make the proposed change.

Organizations of Dist Com^ee & Assign^t of Prim. Schools. The Committee on Rules and Regulations made a verbal report in relation to the organizations of the Several District Committees and the assignment of the Primary Schools, which was accepted.

Com^ee on Salaries — Salary of Miss Ellis. The Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred the order of Feb. 6th in relation to the payment of the salary of Miss Anna E. Ellis for services rendered as Assistant in the Normal School, find the claim to be just, and would report, that the order be adopted.

[illegible] Accepted, and the Order adopted.

Com^ee on Salaries — Salary of Miss Nichols. The Committee on Salaries have had their attention called to the fact that no provision has been made in the payment of Miss Nichols, for services rendered as Assistant Teacher in the Dwight School. The state of the case, as it has come to the knowledge of your

Committee is this. Miss Nichols was, during last year, appointed by the Sub Committee of the Dwight School, to the position of Assistant in that School. After a service of two weeks, she resigned her situation without being confirmed by the Board; so that, her name not appearing upon the records, she is unable to collect her claim. Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following Order

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For the Committee, Hiram Hunt, Chairman.

Ordered, That fourteen dollars and thirty eight cents be paid Miss Nichols, for services rendered as Assistant Teacher in the Dwight School.

Read, accepted, and the Order passed.

Com^e on Salaries. — Miss Cushing's Salary.

The Committee on Salaries would report that Miss Hannah P. Cushing has a claim for services as an Assistant Teacher in the Bowdoin School. The claim exists under the following circumstances. — Miss Cushing was appointed by the Sub-Committee of the Bowdoin School, to take charge of a portion of that School, located in Williams street. She entered upon duties the 15th day of November, 1854, and continued up to the 1st of March 1855, at which time the School was discontinued. Miss Cushing not having been nominated to the Board for confirmation, no record of her services exists. It therefore appears equitable that some provision should be made for her payment. To accomplish this,

April 2, 1855 ... recommend the adoption of the following order. — For the Committee, Henry A. Drake, Chairman.

Ordered, That Seventy-two dollars and ninety cents be paid Miss Hannah J. Cushing, for services rendered as Assistant Teacher in the Bigelow School. Read, accepted, and Order passed.

Com^ee on Salaries. — Salary of Cha^s Butler.

The Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred an order in relation to the payment of the salary of Mr. Charles Butler, for services rendered as Teacher of Music in the Bowdoin School, would report, that no action on the part of this Board is necessary for the adjustment of the claim, as the appointment dates back to the time of the commencement of his duties.

For the Committee, Henry A. Drake, Chair^n.

Read and accepted.

Resignation of J. Amory Davis

The resignation of the resignation of J. Amory Davis of this city in this Board, was read. Seven, which was accepted.

Additional Male instruc^n & discipline in Grammar Schools

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to inquire whether the Boys' Schools need any additional Male instruction and discipline. Voted, Messrs. Lothrop, Tenney, and Skinner were appointed that Committee.

Children of taxpaying citizens

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules & Regulations

accepted on consideration the expediency of amending the 32nd Sect. of the 5th Chap. of the Regulations, by inserting, after the word city, at the close of the first paragraph, the following words: "except the children of such parents continue two years after their removal from the city."	April 2. 1855. Amendment proposed to Regulations.
On motion of Dr. Parkman it was ordered "No teacher in any of the public schools shall detain any pupil, either in punishment, or to make up neglected lessons, after the regular time for dismissing school." — Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.	Detention of pupils after school.
The Eliot School District Committee submitted a statement relative to the opening of a new school for special instruction in their District, and requested the Board to sanction their action, - offering, for that purpose, the following Order: - Ordered, That the Board hereby sanction the act of the Eliot School District Committee in establishing an additional school for special instruction. — Adopted.	Eliot Sch. District; new school for special instruction in.
On motion of Dr. Palmer, Voted, That the Secretary inform the Board of Aldermen of the resignation of J. Amory Davis of his seat in this Board.	Secy to give notice of a vacancy in the Board.
Emily R. Baxter was confirmed as 2nd Head Assistant in the Bigelow School.	Confirmation; Bigelow.

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from March 4th 1895 - Elizabeth Swinnerton was formerly an Teacher of Primary School No. 1 Steele St.

Nominations.-

The following teachers were nominated by their respective Sub Committees: -

Dwight Dist.- Franklin.

Clara B. Gould in the Primary School in Dedham

Phillips.

St. Elizabeth A. Hall in the Franklin School. Gertrude A. Brown, Assistant the Phillips. Celenah Upham in Prim. School

Primary Dist. " School.

in Kenwood St. Ada L. Allen, Clara A. Ridge, and Adeline Stockbridge, Assistants in the Primary School. Rebecca A. Bell, Teacher of Sewing in the Winthrop School.

Winthrop.

And the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Edward Capen, Secretary.

April 24. 1855.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, April 24th, 1855. His Honor the Mayor in the Chair.

James O. Brown. Gratuity to. -

Dr. Connell offered the following:- Ordered, That one quarter's additional salary be paid to Mr. James O. Brown, Usher in the Quincy School. Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Miss E. Upham's services.

An Order, That thirty six dollars & sixteen cents be paid Miss Elenah Upham, for services rendered from Feby 26th to April 14th, 1855. as teacher of a Primary School in Kneeland St.; - which school, being no longer needed, has been suspended, - was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Quincy School Pelton's Outline Maps.

An Order, That one set of Pelton's Outline Maps be furnished to the Quincy School, was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Hancock S. D. Dist. Com'e. - new Primary School, & new rooms.

On motion of Dr. Buck, Voted, That the Hancock School District Committee be permitted to establish a new Primary School in that District; and, also, that this Board take measures to furnish three suitable rooms, - two for the Schools now in Parkman Place, and one for the School proposed to be established.

On motion of Mr. Newell,

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Salaries of Sewing teachers.

Voted, That the present system of salaries paid to the teachers of Sewing be referred to the Committee on Salaries, to consider in what manner any change can be made by which the compensation of each teacher, in this department, may be more in accordance with the amount of labor performed.

Sewing in Primary Schools - attendance of Pupils required.

Dr. Russell of Ward Seven offered the following as a substitute for Sect. 13, Chap. 9. of the Regulations:- Instruction in Sewing shall be given by the teachers, to the girls in all the Primary Schools, in two lessons of not less than one hour each every week. - Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Ann'l Report to Secretary of State.

The Annual Report, required by the Statutes of the Commonwealth, to be transmitted to the Secretary of State, on or before the last day of April, was this day subscribed and sworn to, by the members present of the Board.

next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Dr. Buck, Voted, That, when this Board adjourn, it be to meet on the third Tuesday in May, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Nominations and confirmations

Mary A. McKay was confirmed as Sewing Teacher in the Dimmock School, in place of Miss Smith resigned; her salary to commence March 1st. William K Dimmock was nominated as Usher, and Miss H. A. Dow

confirmed as Assistant in the Quincy School. Quincy do. April 24, 1835.
Haskell was confirmed as teacher School No. 4 East St. Place. Cordelia R. Read was nominated in School No. 1 Sheafe St.

Adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

A Quarterly Meeting of the May 13th, 1835.
School Committee of the City of Boston was held, agreeably to a vote passed at the last meeting of the Board, April 24th, - on Tuesday, May 13th, A.D. 1835. -
The President in the Chair.

The Quarterly Reports on the condition of all the Schools now under the Chairmen of the respective District Committees, and now accepted by the Board, with the exception of the report on the Quincy School District, which was referred to a special Committee consisting of Messrs. Buck, Emerson and Parker. — Quarterly Reports. — Com.e on Quin.y Repeal of the Quincy Dist Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be directed to consider what further accommodations are needful for the arrangement and preservation of the books appertaining — Library of the Latin School.

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to the Library of the Latin School; and that they be instructed to apply to the Committee on Public Buildings, for such book-cases as may, in their judgment, be necessary, at an expense not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Report Com^ee on Books. Harpers Gazetteer.

The Committee on Text-Books beg leave to Report, — That they have examined Harpers Statistical Gazetteer of the World; and find the same to be a very full and accurate work. Believing that it would be a convenient & a book of reference in our Schools, they recommend that one copy be purchased for the use of each of the Masters in the service of the City. —

For the Committee, Otis A. Skinner, Chairman.

Ordered, That the Committee on Text-Books be authorized to purchase twenty three copies of Harpers Statistical Gazetteer.

Read, accepted, and the Order adopted.

Rep^t. Com-mittee on Rules & Regulations: Et Idem of non-residents attending School.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred the order introduced at a meeting of the Board, April 2^d, in regard to amending 1^s. 52^d Sect. of the 8^th Chap: of the Regulations, respectfully submit the following Report: —

The Committee are well aware that, as a general principle, the advantages of our public schools ought only to be enjoyed by those children whose

parents or guardian reside ~~reside~~ in the city. But, still, they are compelled to believe that cases may arise, & frequently do arise, when a rigid system of exclusion of all these would be both unjust and impedient. May 15th, 1855.

If the principle of taxation is to be considered as of any weight as an argument in this connection, then it would seem to your Committee that those who have paid taxes in other places, and yet come here to enjoy the benefits of our public schools while they have paid none, ought rather to be excluded, than those who have paid their full tax here for the support of the schools, and yet are obliged to remove from the city before that tax is expended.

But the right to send children to the public schools, as a matter of justice at least, seems to be based upon the elements both of taxation and residence; and, as a person may have a legal residence in a place other than that where he has been taxed, either in whole or in part, your Committee are of the unanimous opinion that a power to act in particular cases by specification on the part of this Board may be safely retained. They therefore do not recommend any change in the section as it now stands.

For the Committee. G. H. Hewins, Chairman.

Read, and laid upon the table.

Upham's Salary. Report of Com. on Salaries

The Committee on Salaries report in favor of the order to pay thirty six dollars & 42 cts to Miss Celinah Upham. For the Com. H. T. Dimick.

May 15th, 1855. Read, accepted, and the Order adopted.

Report. Com^e on Salaries. Salaries of Sewing Teachers.

The Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred the Order of April 24th, in relation to the more equitable payment of the Teachers of Sewing in the Grammar Schools, would

Report;- That the salaries now paid to the Teachers of Sewing in some of the public schools are not equitable, but are disproportioned to the services rendered, - being, in one case, unjust to the City; in others, unjust to the individuals employed.

While your Committee would be most unwilling to recommend any change based upon a slight difference in the time occupied in teaching, or, in the number of pupils taught, we feel convinced that the difference, under the present rate of Salaries, is so marked as to imperatively demand some new arrangement.

For the purpose of acting understandingly upon the subject, we addressed the Masters of the several Schools in which Sewing is taught, requesting of them information in relation to the number of pupils instructed, and the time occupied by the teacher of Sewing, in instruction, & in the preparation of work

From the returns made, we learn that the number of pupils instructed in Sewing in the Grammar Schools is 1669;- that the number in each school ranges from 25 to 312; that the time occupied

in instruction and in the preparation of work raises from two to thirty hours each week; that the average cost is $1.43 for each pupil instructed. May 15th, 1883.

We find that the amount paid for each hour's service is, in one case, 15 cents; in another $2.27; that the amount paid per annum for each pupil instructed is, to one, 58 cents, to another, 8 dollars.

The two schools which form the extremes in this statement are the Smith and the Winthrop, the former having but 25 pupils who are instructed in Sewing, the latter, 342 pupils. Between these range nine other schools which, in this department, do not very materially differ from each other, with the single exception of the Hancock School, which stands next to the Winthrop in the number of pupils who receive instruction in Sewing. Such extremes as those mentioned above should not, in the opinion of your Committee, be permitted to exist long without correction. To accomplish this object, to make the compensation of each teacher more in accordance with the amount of labor performed, we recommend the adoption of the following order, by which it will be seen that the present rate of salary is retained in all the schools excepting the Smith, the Hancock, and the Winthrop; the Smith is reduced $100, the Hancock increased 25 dollars, and the Winthrop 75 dollars, — making the whole amount paid for Sewing, the same as before.

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In the Committee, Henry F. Durant, Chairman:

Ordered, That, after the 1st of June next, the Salaries of the Teachers of Sewing in the several Schools, shall be as follows;—in the Bigelow, Bowdoin, Boylston, Chapman, Dwight, Franklin, Lyman, Mather, and Wells Schools, two hundred dollars; in the Smith, one hundred dollars, in the Hancock, five hundred and twenty five dollars, and in the Winthrop two hundred and seventy five dollars.

On motion of Mr. Skinner the order was so amended as to provide that the Salaries of the Teachers of Sewing in the Hancock and Winthrop Schools shall be three hundred dollars per annum. The Report was then accepted, and the Order, as amended, was adopted.

Physiology & Hygiene. Report of Committee

The Committee appointed at a former meeting of this Board to inquire what further instruction is necessary to be given in Physiology & Hygiene, in the several Grammar, English High and Latin Schools, and, if any, to report a plan of instruction," have attended to the duty assigned them, and beg leave briefly to Report:— Health is universally regarded as the most valuable of all our blessings, because that upon this depends, mainly, the enjoyment of the others. So a knowledge of the laws by which health may be preserved or restored must be placed in the first rank in a system of Education designed to prepare the young for the enjoyments & duties of life. Believing that, in this body, there can be no

diversity of opinion upon a self-evident proposition, your Committee do not deem it necessary to employ any argument or illustration upon it. May 15. 1855.

This part of education, unlike some others, is not only valuable in itself, but it is useful to all, of every occupation and condition.

But a glance at the character of these three schools will suffice to show that the pupils belonging to them have special claims upon our consideration. The pupils of the English High School will, most of them, probably, devote their lives to mercantile or scientific pursuits; and, as this is the only College at which they will ever graduate, they have a right to ask of us that their education shall be made as complete and practical as the circumstances will permit. The pupils of the Latin School have entered upon a long and arduous course of study, and, if we would save them from the common fate of literary men, we should give them a thorough knowledge of their physical constitutions. But the members of the Normal School, who are are preparing themselves for responsible stations as teachers, who are to have not only the education but the care of our children during a considerable portion of their youth, demand the very best instruction on this subject which Science and our liberality can afford. They are to have, as it were, "the power of life and death" over the children and youth entrusted to them

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in the school room. And if so, who shall the life of another by the unseen agency of a slow poison, is, nevertheless, a murderer, so is that teacher guilty, at least of homicide, who wilfully neglects his duties in reference to the temperature, ventilation or cleanliness of the school-room.

Having thus briefly stated our case, the conclusion at which we have arrived may be readily inferred.— 1st, We are unanimously of the opinion that some further instruction is necessary to be given, in Physiology and Hygiene, to the [illegible] mentioned.—

2nd, We recommend that a Course of twelve or fifteen lectures, to be illustrated by suitable diagrams, be prepared by some gentleman of scientific and professional ability, and delivered in the Normal School, at the rate of two per week, commencing with the next School year.— 3d,— That the compensation for this service shall be the same as is now paid to the Teachers of Music in the Grammar Schools for the same number of lessons.

In justice to themselves, as well as to the lecturer who may be appointed, the Committee feel bound to say that they consider this compensation far below the real value of such lectures as the wants of this School demand.

But as this plan is proposed as an experiment

which, if successful in this School, may be tried May 13, 1855.
in all the higher Schools of the City, it seems
but prudent, especially in a new administration
to consult economy in the expense.

Having consulted the Principal of the Girls School
we feel assured of his hearty cooperation in carry-
ing out the details of this plan. And here the
Committee would state, distinctly, that they have
not made these suggestions because they doubt
the ability or fidelity of the regular teachers of
the Normal School, but because that profes-
sional gentlemen, who have spent & have spent
their lives in the study and application of
medical science, must be able to perform this
service better than any others can.

We have recommended the Autumn as the most
suitable time for these lectures, 1st, because, at the be-
ginning of the School-year, the time of both pupils
and teachers can better be spared, than near the end
of the year when the first classes are giving all
their energies to preparation for the Annual Ex-
aminations; - and, 2nd, because, as the cold season
approaches, there seems to be more need of a
practical application of this knowledge to the
affairs of the School-room, in reference to regu-
lating the temperature, ventilation &c. —

Respectfully submitted. L. B. Hanaford, for
the Committee. On motion of Dr. Palmer
the Report was laid upon the table.

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Transfer of a pupil.

Ordered, That the Transfer of the pupil named Leighton, from the Dwight School to the Quincy, by the unanimous consent of the Committees of both Districts, be confirmed by the Board.

Bowdoin Sch. House: division of into separate rooms

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be instructed to examine the Bowdoin School House to ascertain whether it can be divided into separate rooms without injury to the Building, and, if so, to report a plan, and an approximate estimate of the cost, of making the alteration.

Winthrop Sch. House: placing blinds upon

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses consider the expediency of placing Blinds upon the South, East, and West sides of the Winthrop School House, with full power to take such action in the matter as they shall deem meet.

Globes for the Schools

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to inquire into the expediency of furnishing each School room in which Geography is taught, with a small and cheap Globe as a necessary means of illustrating the study, and to report the number of Globes required, and the price at which they can be obtained.

Revd. Mr. Andrews resigns

Dr. Sabine read a communication from Revd. Abraham Andrews, Master of

the Bowdoin School, declining a re-election. Voted that the same be accepted and placed on file. May 15th 1855.

On motion of Dr. Palmer, Ordered, That the Secretary give notice, during the first week of June, in such of the newspapers, in which the City Government usually advertises, as he may deem most suitable, that the Board of School Committee will receive applications for the office of Master of the Bowdoin School until the 20th inst. - i.e. June 20. 1855. -- Ordered, That Sec. 3. Chap. 5. of the School Regulations make part of the advertisement. Bowdoin School:- Secy to advertise for applicants for Mastership of. --

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries be instructed to examine the subject of Salaries now established for female teachers in the Grammar Schools, and report any changes which they may deem expedient. Salaries of Teachers in Grammar Schools

On motion of Mr. Emerson, it was unanimously Resolved:- That this Board take the occasion which is presented in the withdrawal of Mr. Abraham Andrews from the Mastership of the Bowdoin School, to express its high sense of the value of the services he has rendered in the School department for a long course of years. He leaves the service honored with the respect and esteem of thirty two successive Boards, and that of a great number of citizens, of both sexes, who are now enjoying the benefit derived from his in- Resolution on the Withdrawal of Abraham Andrews.

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distinction and his example.

New Primary School in Sumner Street.

Ordered, That a new Primary School be established in the Sumner St. Sub-District, to be accommodated, for the present, in the basement of the Sumner St. School-House.

Alteration of Sum. Sch. Ho. on Paris Street

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be directed to inquire into the practicability of the proposed alteration of the Primary School House on Paris St., and to report a plan of said alteration, with its probable cost.

Claim of Miss McLoud

Mr. Hall offered the following, - Ordered, That the claim of Miss Hight, (dressmaker) be paid up to Feb. 22nd 1855, - and that Miss McLoud be paid for two weeks and two days' service as substitute - from Feb. 22nd to March 10th, - $9.33. - Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Evg Schools for Adults. "Through" for. -

Ordered, That the President of this Board be requested to apply to the City Council for such an appropriation as they may deem expedient, in aid of the Free Evening Schools for adults, and that the same may be placed at the disposal of this Board, in distribution.

Cure of Primary

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to report to this Board

same more effective means or way of taking care of the Primary School Houses and appurtenances, in order that these premises may all be kept in a proper condition for the use of the Schools.

May 15th, 1855 School Houses.

Mr. Willow offered the following Order,- Ordered, That, whenever a District Committee shall propose to organize a new Primary School, said proposition shall be referred to the Standing Committee on School Houses, who shall examine, and report upon the same to this Board.- Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Organization of New Primary Schools.

On motion of Dr. Shurtleff. Ordered, That _____ be a Committee of arrangements authorized to make all necessary preparations for the proper celebration of the Sixty Second Annual School Festival, to be held on the 24th day of July next.- and Messrs. Brewster, Shurtleff, Drake, Bigelow, Kenney, Fox & Mills were appointed that Committee.

School Festival.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, Voted to proceed to the election of a Superintendent of the Public Schools. The Chair appointed Messrs. Shurtleff, Thacher and Newell a Committee to collect, assort and count the votes.

Sup't of Schools elected.

The Committee attended to that duty and reported that the whole number of votes was 146: necessary to a choice, 24: and that Nathan Bishop had 144.-

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Supt's Salary. Voted, That the Salary of the Superintendent of Public Schools be the same as for the last year.

Nomination Teachers. Miss Permelia Stevens was nominated as Teacher of Primary School No 4 Mayhew School House.

Confirmation Sears. Mrs E. H. Sears was confirmed as Teacher in the Hawes School District.

And the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

A Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, June 19th, 1855. June 19. 1855.

The President in the Chair.

An Order of the City Council, placing Twelve Hundred Dollars at the disposal of this Board, to aid in defraying the expenses of the Free Evening Schools for Adults not read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries, with full powers to apportion the amount among the different Schools. Eve'g Schools for Adults: appropriation for.

Dr. Cornell offered the following Order: Ordered, That the sum of Nineteen Dollars 75/100 be paid to Miss Gertrude A. Brown for services in School No. 5, Dist. 12, in Kneeland St. from Feb. 1st to Feb. 26th inclusive. - Referred to the Committee on Salaries. Miss G. A. Browns salary.

A petition from Mary E. Sawyer, teacher of a Primary School in the Boylston District, for an increase of her salary, was referred to the Committee on Returns. Petition of Mary E. Sawyer for increase of salary.

An Order, "That the Quincy Sch'l Dist. Committee be empowered to establish another Primary School in said District," was laid upon the table. Quincy Dist. ask Primary School.

Dr. Hooper presented the Certificate of Election of Charles T. Hammond a member of this Board from Ward No. 7. - and the same Chas. T. Hammond certificate of Election.

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was refered to the Committee on Elections.

Schools in Washington Village: Bigelow & Hawes Dist. Com. to provide instruction for. -

Mr. Drake offered the following;

Whereas: By an act of the last General Court, a portion of the territory of the Town of Dorchester, known as Washington Village, was set off and annexed to the City of Boston; and

Whereas: The children living in said territory have, by this act, come under the care and management of this Board; - Ordered, That the Bigelow and Hawes District Committees make such provision for the instruction of these children, as they may deem advisable and necessary, and report their action to this Board for its approval. - Read, and the Order passed. A communication from the School Committee of the Town of Dorchester was refered to the same Committees.

Report, Committee on Rules & Regs. on detention of pupils after school.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was refered the Order, that, "No teacher in any of the Public Schools shall detain any pupil, either for punishment or to make up neglected lessons, after the regular time of dismissing scholars," respectfully Report; - That, in their opinion, such an order would be inexpedient.

Your Committee believe that cases not unfrequently occur where a little private remonstrance or correction, judiciously administered by the teacher,

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will be much more effectual in securing the best interests of the pupil and a proper observance of the regulations of the School, than any more public mode of discipline; and, unless a teacher have power to detain a pupil for this purpose, he would often labor under a very serious embarassment. On referring to the Regulations as they now stand, it will appear that the 3d Section of the 8th Chapter (which prescribes the time for opening and closing the Schools,) seems at least to imply that any detention beyond the time prescribed would be without sanction of the School Committee. Deeply impressed as your Committee are, with the utmost necessity of a teacher's sometimes exercising the power referred to, and in order to remove, so far as this Board can do, any doubt in regard to the authority of the teacher in this matter, they therefore respectfully recommend that the said 3d Section of the 8th Chapter of the Rules and Regulations should be amended by adding after the close of the first paragraph, the following: Provided that nothing in this Section shall be so construed as to prevent the teacher from the judicious exercise of the right to detain a pupil for a reasonable time after the regular hour for dismissing School, either for purposes of discipline or to make up neglected les-

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sons." — For the Committee,

Geo. H. Tuxbury, Chairman.

The Report was accepted, and the amendment adopted.

Report of Com'tee on petition of Betsey & Wm. C. Brown.

Upon the Order to pay James C. Brown an additional annuity of Sixty Dollars, for faithful services as Usher in the Quincy School; The Committee on Salaries would Report: —

The principle which is involved, of establishing, by the action of the Board upon this Order, a precedent which shall settle the future position upon cases of a similar nature, gives to this subject peculiar interest and importance. The records of this Board show that our predecessors have pursued widely different courses of action upon this subject; Some years gratuities have been voted with almost reckless freedom; in others, as during the last year, all applications of this character have been uniformly refused. It has now become the duty of this Board to determine, by its action upon this matter, what position it will assume upon the general subject of granting gratuities.

These considerations have led your Committee to look cautiously at all the bearings of this subject, at all the reasons which, it may be thought, should influence the Board to grant applications of this character, as well as those which should lead it to take a decided stand against all such appro-

funds[illegible] of the money raised for the support of pub-
lic schools. The arguments which are produced
in this case, as in most others of a similar char-
acter, why the Board should grant the proposed
gratuity, are, the private necessity of the individ-
ual who is to be the beneficiary under the order,
his faithful and efficient services and the ne-
cessity of placing before the teachers now in the
employ of the Board an additional encourage-
ment to faithfulness by the prospect of a re-
ward when their services shall terminate.
But these reasons are not, in the opinion of
your Committee, sufficient to justify the Board
in adopting this order. It is certainly very
questionable propriety for this Board to re-
ceive private necessity with public money over
which it holds control, as the agent of others,
to accomplish a specified object. The salaries
which are paid to the teachers in our Schools
are supposed to be sufficiently liberal to com-
mand the faithful and efficient services of
those teachers,- the most faithful, and the most
efficient which can be given; therefore, no
claim beyond that salary can exist in this case,
or in any other of a like nature. If there is no
claim, then it must be asked as a favor, which
certainly is not a sufficient reason to justify this
Board in appropriating the money at its dis-
posal. It is said that gratuities encour-

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age our teachers to increased faithfulness; but, if they are not faithful from principle, from love of the work, then they will not be under any amount of gratuities which the liberality of this Board may bestow upon them. But we are unwilling to believe the imputation upon our teachers which is involved in the statement that there is a necessity for additional encouragement; if there is no necessity, why pay for its removal? - necessity being the only principle which justifies the expenditure of public money. This may appear to be applying an iron rule to the financial relations of the Board with the teachers in its employ, but we must "be just before we are generous", and our position compels us, in all its relations, to deal more with the former than with the latter.

But, independent of these exceptions which we have taken to the arguments advanced in favor of the proposed Order, there are certain reasons of a positive character which, to our minds, have a very important and decisive bearing upon the question under consideration. We are convinced that, upon the ground of expediency, this Board should not establish the principle of paying gratuities. It is certainly wise policy never to commence a measure which, if fully carried out, would be disastrous in its consequences and such an one, the practice of

granting gratuities would be. If a Master is entitled June 19. 1855.
to extra pay when leaving the service of the Board,
then is a sub-master; and, if a sub-master, then
an usher or a female teacher has the same right;
for, where can the line be drawn, or the bounda-
ry be established, to the practice once commenced,
short of including all the teachers elected by the Board.
The Master who leaves his school for a new enter-
prize, is certainly no more entitled to a present
from this Board, than is the female teacher
who leaves to undertake the duties and responsi-
bilities of married life; - there are very many reas-
ons in favor of the latter, and very few in favor
of the former. The practice of giving gra-
tuities is also inexpedient because it will institute, as it has done, invidious and unjust distinc-
tions between teachers of the same rank who
may leave our schools, - being granted to some and
refused to others; and will generally be the reward
of those whose friends are the most urgent and per-
sistent in their applications, the most strenu-
ous and untiring in their exertions.

It is a matter of question whether the Board
have any legal right to appropriate money for
gratuities; but it is not our intention to dwell upon
this point, any further than to express our convic-
tion that no such right exists, and to state the
ground upon which we base the opinion.

The right which is given to this Board by the Act-

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ute is, "to select and contract with the teacher", that is, a right to select the party with whom the contract shall be made, and, then, to make it. We can make the conditions of the contract such as we please, but, as it appears to your Committee, we have no right, after the contract has been terminated and the condition fulfilled, to give the teacher an additional sum in consideration of services already paid for under the contract. The argument may be placed in another form:—The Board has certain funds placed at its disposal to pay for certain services:— it has no right to appropriate those funds to any other object than that for which they were intended, as it would be doing, to pay one, who had been fully remunerated for all services rendered, an additional sum for, which no equivalent is received.

These considerations, and some of minor importance, have influenced your Committee in their decision; and, while they are perfectly free to acknowledge the faithful services of Mr. James O. Brown; while they would willingly accord to him all those expressions of approval which are his due, they are still firm in the conviction that the Order under consideration should not be adopted, but that the Board should, by rejecting this Order, establish it as a settled principle that, in all ordinary cases of teachers leaving the public Schools, no extra salary will be granted.

Respectfully submitted

For the Committee, Henry A. Drake, Chairman. June 19. 1855.

Read, and accepted.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred the Order of April 24th that Instruction in Sewing shall be given, by the teachers, to the girls in all the Primary Schools, in two sessions of not less than one hour each, every week, Report:- Upon careful consideration, and taking into account the number of daily exercises now required of the pupils in our Primary Schools, their ages, and the nature of the instruction referred to, your Committee are of the opinion that it would be inexpedient to require such instruction in all cases. The Committee have no doubt that there are, or may be, instances where the instruction in plain Sewing may be profitably introduced as an occasional exercise for some of the scholars in the Primary Schools; but, such cases appear to be sufficiently provided for, already, by the 13th Section of the 9th Chapter of the Rules and Regulations.

Report, Committee on Rules & Regulations, on Sewing in Primary Schools.

Respectfully submitted,
For the Committee, Geo. W. Tuxbury, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Dunster, Ordered, That the 37th Sect. of the 8th Chap. of the School Regulations, which provides that the Annual Exhibitions of the Grammar Schools, and the Annual School Festival shall take place on the 24th of July

Rules & Regulations amended.

Change of day of Exhibitions & Festival.

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ment, be suspended, for the present year, and that said Exhibitions and Festival take place on Monday, the 23d of July next.

Report Com. on Salaries: Salaries of Miss Heidt & Miss Hall.

Upon the Order to pay the salary of Miss Heidt up to the time of her decease, and Miss Hall for two weeks and two days' service as substitute, the Committee on Salaries would report in favor of it's adoption. The object of the Order is simply to give the Auditor the necessary authority to pay the amounts due from the City to the parties named.

For the Committee, Henry A. Drake, Chairman.

Read, accepted, and the Order adopted.

Report Com. on Salaries, on Salaries of Female teachers in Grammar Schools.

The Committee on Salaries, in compliance with the Order which instructed them to examine the subject of Salaries as now established for female teachers in the Grammar Schools, would Report:- Your Committee have had presented to their notice the contrast which exists between the responsibilities assumed and the labor performed, by one or two of the Head Assistants in the employ of the Board, and that which devolves upon the remainder. It is the object of the Order, so far as we are informed, to bring these cases to notice.

It cannot be expected that, even among teachers of the same rank, perfect uniformity

or anything very nearly approaching to it, can exist in the duties to be performed; there must, of necessity, be distinctions in their several cases, responsibilities and labors, and it is impossible for the Board to meet, by special legislation, those various and ever changing differences, otherwise than provide for them in such a general manner as will nearest approximate to a fair and equitable arrangement. The amount of service required of female teachers of the same rank in the Grammar Schools, being affected by the character of the position held, is very much more in some cases than in others. One labor under every adverse [illegible], upon an intelligent class of pupils, well cared for at home; others, surrounded with every disadvantage, have the charge of those whose only intellectual and moral instruction is received in the School-room.

To each grade of Teachers, however different may be the circumstances of the individuals composing it, the Board apportion a uniform rate of salary, the principle being that each teacher is obliged to devote all the talent and ability at her command; that no teacher can do more than this, and that, if any, by the circumstances of their position, can succeed with less, the Board have the right, should those circumstances change, to require more; that any advantage of this kind is an accidental one, which this Board cannot recognize in establish-

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ing the salaries of the teachers.

It was proposed, a few years since, to make a distinction between the salary paid to the teachers of the Intermediate Schools, and that paid to teachers of Primary Schools. This proposition the Board rejected, though there can be no question that, in cases, the duties of the teachers of Intermediate Schools are more arduous and trying than those of the teachers of Primary Schools; and that there are some, whose position demands more labor, patience and physical endurance than is required of any other female teachers in the public schools.

The ground of the rejection of this proposition was, that far greater evil, trouble and dissatisfaction would arise by recognizing any such difference, than could exist by the continuance of perfect uniformity among the two classes of teachers.

The principle was a wise and just one, and is equally applicable at the present time, to the subject under consideration.

Your Committee, believing the present system of salaries to be wise and equitable, the best that can be arranged, - believing that any attempt to engraft upon this system distinctions based upon the amount of labor performed by each teacher would not be prudent or judicious, but would be inexpedient and impracticable, - and, seeing no change which, at present, is necessary or politic,

would report that no action upon the part of this Board is necessary upon the subject of Salaries as now established for female teachers in the Grammar Schools. June 19. 1855.

Respectfully submitted.

For the Committee, Wm. J. Burke.

Read and accepted.

On motion of Dr. Palmer. Suspension of Rules:- Applications for Masterships of Bowdoin School.

Ordered That the 6th Section of the 5th Chapter of the Rules and Regulations be & the same suspended so far as the Examining Committee, provided for in said Section, to take all the applications and testimonials from the Secretary's files, after the 20th inst., in order that they may examine the candidates for the Masterships of the Bowdoin School in time to report to this Board at the meeting for the election of teachers.

On motion of Dr. Shurtleff. C. D. Homans' credentials referred to a Special Committee.

Ordered, That, inasmuch as a majority of the Committee on Elections is not present at this meeting, the Credentials of Dr. Charles D. Homans be referred to a Special Committee, with instructions to report at their earliest convenience. The Chair appointed, as that Committee, Messrs. Jarvis, Shurtleff and Lyman.

Mr. Endicott offered the following: Ordered, That a new Primary School be established in the Chapman School District, as there are 122 more scholars than the Regulation, in New Primary School in Chapman District.

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Laid upon the table.

School-hours in Prim. Schools in Chelsea St.

Ordered, That the Chapman School District Committee have power to regulate the time of opening and closing the Primary Schools in the Chelsea Street District.

Com^ees of Chapman & Lyman School Districts to regulate attendance of pupils.

Ordered, That the Committees of the Chapman and Lyman School Districts be instructed to regulate the attendance of the pupils in those Districts, until a new division of the Districts shall be made.

Special Com^ee of Com^ee to examine credentials of Dr. Charles E. Romans.

The Special Committee appointed to examine the credentials of Dr. Charles E. Romans reported "that they find the credentials correct and properly signed and authenticated"

Report of Com^ee on School Houses:

The Committee on School Houses having attended to the Orders of the Board, respectfully Report:— The Order dated Jan. 23^d directing the Committee to take into consideration the present and prospective wants of the Dwight School District for increased school-room facilities. The Committee decided that a new School-House would be required in this section of the City, and requested the Committee on Public Buildings to ask for an appropriation.

wants of the Dwight School District.

An Order was at the same time received to con- June 19, 1833.
sider the subject of an alteration in the Eliot School- Alteration
House. The Committee, after a careful examina- of Eliot
tion, advised, instead of the proposed alteration, School House.
to use the present building for Primary Schools,
and to ask an appropriation for a new Gram-
mar School House, and a sale of some of the Prim-
ary School estates. In the same report to the Com- Phillips
mittee on Public Buildings, a change in the Phillips School
School District was recommended. This was made District.
without any Order from the Board, but by the
request of the Committee of that District.
In doing so the Committee did not intend to
exercise a power not delegated to them.

Your Committee think that, before an ap- New School
propriation is asked for a new School House, House;
the subject should be duly considered by this proper con-
Board; the location of the building decided up- sideration to be
on; a plan adopted, and all the details arranged. given to
Great embarrassments arise from not attending all these.
to this; — the location is changed after a house
is partly built; — when completed, expensive
alterations are required; and, when supposed to have
been finished, additional appropriations must be
asked for. When a location and plan of a
School House, desired by the Committee of the Dis-
trict, approved by the Committee on School Hous-
es, and an Order for its adoption passed by this
Board, is submitted to the Committee on Pub-

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lic Buildings, it will come to the City Council in a form that will recommend itself to their respectful consideration.

Care of the Primary School Houses

The Orders of the Board, dated May 18th have been attended to. The Committee have considered the subject of a more efficient plan of taking care of the Primary School Houses. By Law, all the Public buildings - this includes Grammar and Primary School-Houses - are under the care of the City Council. A few years ago an appropriation was made, of Twenty five dollars annually, to each Primary School teacher, to pay for the care of her room. When several rooms are in the same building, and the sum is faithfully applied, this is, perhaps, enough, - but, in some cases it is not. The condition of the exterior of the School-houses is a just subject of complaint. - Fences are broken and out-houses are in a bad condition, and what might have been easily repaired in the first stage, by neglect becomes a serious evil.

Your Committee suggest to the Board the passage of an Order requesting that the Committee on Public Buildings resume the care of the Primary School Houses, and, if they think proper, to advise a repeal of the appropriation made to the teachers for the care of their School-rooms.

Blinds in the Winthrop School House.

Upon the subject of adding blinds to the Winthrop School House. The Committee are in favor of shades of a suitable colour; as less

expensive, more convenient, and also more indispensible than blinds, if any one form of shade is to be purchased for School Houses. June 19, 1855.

Your Committee believe that the Boarding School may be allowed, — but, according to a plan proposed, at an expense of perhaps ten or twelve thousand dollars. Alteration of Boarding Sch. House.

The Primary School House on Paris Street might be altered to great advantage, making six good School-rooms, instead of half that number, at a cost of about Two or Three thousand dollars. Alteration of Primary Sch. House on Paris St.

For the Committee, R. W. Hooper, Chairman.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to resume the whole care of the Primary School-Houses, as they now have of the Grammar School Houses; and to repeal, if they think proper, the appropriation of Twenty five dollars annually to each Primary School teacher. City Council to resume care of Prim. School Houses.

Ordered; That the City Council be requested to make an appropriation for altering the Primary School House on Paris Street, according to a plan approved by the Committee on School-Houses. Prim. School House on Paris St.

Sarah F. Whitmore and Harriet F. Pingree were confirmed as teachers in the Chapman School for Girls. Mary C. Smith and Jane E. Bird Confirmation of Teachers. Chapman Sch.

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were confirmed as Primary School teachers in the the same District. Nominations.— Susan A. Tuxe, in a Primary School in the Eliot District. Helen A. Hanson in the new Primary School for special instruction in the Hancock District. Caroline L. P. Torrey in a Prim. School in the Quincy District.

Dissolved.

Attest:

J. Tarbell Clapp, Secretary.

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A special Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, July 17th, 1855.
His Honor the Mayor in the Chair.

School House in Washington Village.

Papers from the City Council were read and ordered to be placed on file, as follows;- an Order joining the School House in Washington Village temporarily under the care of the School Committee;- a Resolution of the City Council expressive of its opinion in relation to the establishment of new Schools and the location of new School-Houses; & an Order authorizing the School Committee to select land for the location of a Grammar School House in Ward 11.

Opinion of City Council as to new School-Houses &c.

Selection of land in Ward 11.

High School Instruction in Girls.

A Resolution of the City Council in relation to providing for a course of High School instruction in Girls, was referred to a special Committee consisting of Messrs. Russell of Ward 7. Clark, Palmer, Thayer and Alley.

Com.ee on Salaries report as to Salary of Miss Gertrude A. Brown.

The Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred the Order to pay Miss Gertrude A. Brown for services rendered from Oct. 15th to Dec. 21st, would report; that the Order should be adopted. The circumstance, that Miss Brown in being transferred from the Quincy to the Phillips District, received no pay for her services during the time named in the Order; and it is the ob-

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...ted of the Order to prosecute said claim.

...e Committee, Henry A. Drake, Chairman.

...ort accepted and the Order adopted.

Com^e on Salaries Report on distribution to Evening Schools for Adults

The Committee on Salaries, having attended to the distribution of the Twelve hundred Dollars appropriated by the City Council in aid of Evening Schools for Adults, would Report: That they have apportioned the amount among the different schools as follows; to the Hanover St. Chapel $75. to the Fifth St. Chapel $325. - Fourteenth St. Chapel School $200. - Shawmut Avenue School $150. - School under the charge of Mr. Schwarz $150. —

For the Committee, Henry A. Drake, Chairman.

Read and accepted.

Com^e on Salaries: Report on petition of Mary E. Sawyer for increased salary.

Upon the application of Mary E. Sawyer for an increase of salary, upon the ground that the amount at present paid to her is inadequate to her support; and upon the petition of Charles Desmond and others, in aid of such application, the Committee on Salaries would Report: - The Regulations of the Board have their chief value and efficacy in being permanent and established; especially is this the case so far as they relate to the salaries of teachers. Uniformity is necessary, in administering this department, to have perfect equality and uniformity established; exceptions cannot be made in favor of one individual, even upon good

grounds, without doing injustice to all. If there are sufficient reasons in one case, for an exception to the established rule, there are, and will be constantly occurring, the same, or equally good reasons, for exceptions in favor of other cases, and thus the Board will open the door for an amount of special legislation which must, in time, greatly impede and load down its business proceedings.

The distinction of the inadequateness of the salary paid to the support of the recipient is one which cannot be properly recognized. The Board establishes its salaries upon a liberal and fair arrangement, keeping in view the interests of the Schools, and a proper remuneration to the teacher for the service rendered. While this is just and proper, it would be equally unjust and improper to make the salary paid depend upon the real or imaginary amount required by each teacher for her support. The circumstances of this applicant, probably, are what she states them to be; and yet your Committee feel that, if the Board grants this petition, it will be establishing a dangerous precedent, and will produce far greater evils than can arise in this particular case, from rejecting the application. We would therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

For the Committee. Henry A. Drake. Chairman.

Read, accepted, and the recommendation of the Committee adopted.

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Com^ee on Rules & regulations, report on establishment of new Schools

The Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom the Order was referred, - That, "whenever a District Committee shall propose to organise a new Primary School, said proposition shall be referred to the Standing Committee on School Houses who shall examine and report upon the same to this Board," respectfully submit the following Report. Under the Regulations as they now stand, the Committee understand that the power of organizing new Primary Schools does not rest with the District Committees, but in the entire School Board. Whenever, therefore, a proposition like that referred to is made, there appears to be a necessity that the matter should be first proposed, investigated by some appropiate Committee, before final action should be taken.

The several District Committees will undoubtedly be most likely to observe the want of proper accommodations in their respective Districts, for the Primary Schools under their charge, in which case it would undoubtedly be their duty to bring the subject to the attention of this Board. But, such Committees are not always best acquainted with the accommodations afforded in the other School-rooms near, but not in their particular Districts. It often happens, therefore, that, while one School-room is over filled with pupils, which renders it necessary that additional accommodation should be provided, there may be others in the immediate

vicinity amply sufficient to afford such increased July 17, 1855.
accommodation without resorting to the necessity
of establishing a new School and, consequently,
employing and paying an additional teacher.

Such cases would seem to come, most likely,
within the knowledge of the Committee on School-
Houses, whose duties are not confined to any par-
ticular District, but comprehend the entire School-
accommodations of all the different Districts.

The Committee, therefore, recommend the pas-
sage of the following Order — slightly varying
from the one proposed, — viz, Ordered, That, New Regula-
whenever a proposition is made for the organi- tion adopted.
zation of a new Primary School, such proposi-
tion shall be referred to the Committee on School-
Houses, whose duty it shall be to examine and
report upon the same, before final action shall
be taken thereon by this Board.

For the Committee, Geo. H. Luxbury, Chairman.

Read, accepted, and the Order proposed by the
Committee adopted.

Dr. Hooper offered the fol- New School-
lowing; — The Committee of the Dwight School House in
District, and the delegation of the Common Ward 11;
Ward 11 having agreed upon a location for a new City Council
School House in said Ward, bounded 192 feet on to appropri-
Spring Field Street, and 95 feet by a 15 feet passage- ate land for.
way, East of the Lying-in Hospital, —

Ordered That the City Council be respectfully re-

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quested to appropriate the lot of land belonging to the City, lying East of the Lying-in Hospital, and fronting 192 feet on Spring & Myrtle sts the site of a new Grammar School House.

Read, and adopted.

Election of Instructors of the Public Schools

Ordered, That the Board do now proceed to elect, by ballot, the Masters of the Public Schools, - observing the order of the existing Organization; and that each Chairman, immediately upon the election of the Master, nominate for confirmation, the subordinate teachers in the Grammar Schools and the teachers of the Primary Schools.

Election of Masters.

The Board then proceeded, in secret session, to the election of Masters of the several Schools, with the following result: -

Latin School,	-	Francis Gardner.
English High,	-	Thomas Sherwin.
Girls' High & Normal,	-	Loring Lothrop
Bigelow,		Joseph Hale.

Report of the Committee to visit the Bowdoin School.

The Examining Committee, consisting of the District Committee of the Bowdoin School and of the members of this Board from the two wards municipally named to the ward in which the Bowdoin School is situated, - to wards 3 and 7 - to which were referred all the applications for the seven vacant Masterships in said School, respectfully

submits the following Report: At a meeting called July 17. 1833.
for the purpose, and held the 29th Ult., the candidates
assembled were critically examined, in a period of five
hours, with reference to the offices to be filled, in ac-
cordance with the thirteenth Section of the twenty-
third Chapter of the Revised Statutes, which directs
that "the School Committee shall require full and
satisfactory evidence of the good moral character
of all instructors who may be employed in their
town, and shall ascertain by personal examina-
tion, their literary qualifications, and capacity for
the government of Schools."

The number of candidates examined was twelve.
Their names, ages, education, employment and
recommendations, severally, are affixed to this re-
port, constituting a part of it, according to the
ninth Section of the fifth Chapter of our Rules
and Regulations.

Of the twelve examined, the following seven
were deemed worthy of consideration,-viz, James
F. Blackinton, Daniel C. Brown, Thomas H. Chandler,
Stephen Gilman, Samuel Hathaway, William Hobbs,
& W. O. Whittemore.

At an adjourned meeting of the Examining
Committee, held on the 6th. inst., from the seven
just enumerated the following three were selected
as the most prominent of the seven, viz, Daniel
C. Brown, Thomas H. Chandler, & Samuel Hathaway.

After a full, fair and impartial comparison of

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these three gentlemen, one with another, in respect to Manner, Genial Intelligence, Education, Faculty of communicating instruction, Skill in discipline, and adaptation to the want and condition of the Bowdoin School, the Examining Committee decided by ballot (no 6.) to recommend to this Board, at their first choice, for the Masterships of the Bowdoin School for the coming year, the present Sub-master of the Brimmer School, viz, Daniel C. Brown. This nomination received the heartily expressed approval of those members of this Board who are especially interested in this election, viz, the District Committee of the Bowdoin School.

Respectfully submitted for the Examining Committee, — Ezra Palmer Jr, Chairman.

Read and accepted.

The Board then proceeded with the election of Masters, as follows: -

Bowdoin School	Daniel C. Brown
Boylston	Charles Kimball
Brimmer	Joshua Bates
Chapman, for Boys	John F. Averill
Chapman, " Girls	Percival W. Bartlett
Dwight " Boys	James D. Page

Dwight School in Girls' Entitled to open on the third plan.

After the ballotings were had for Master of the Dwight School in Girls, Dr. Palmer moved that the Dwight School be organized on the third plan of the Boston Schools, viz, a School with but one Master. On motion of the same gentleman,

the subject of the organization of said School was laid upon the table. Sept. 17, 1833.

Eliot School	William H. Savey.
Franklin	Samuel L. Gould.
Hancock	George Allen Jr.
Hawes	Samuel Barrett.
Lyman	Moses H. Grinnell.
Mather	Josiah A. Stearns.
Mayhew	Samuel Swan.
Phillips	James Savey.
Quincy	Charles C. Valentine.
Smith	Thomas Paul.
Wells	Cornelius Walker, Reuben Swan Jr.
Winthrop.	Henry Williams Jr.

The subordinate teachers in the Latin School, the English High, the Girls' High and Normal, the Grammar Schools, and the teachers of the Primary Schools, having been nominated by their respective Committees, were elected, as follows: Latin School, John Tobb, Charles J. Capen, and Thomas H. Chandler, Ushers, - Frederick D. Williams, Teacher of Drawing. English High School, Luther Robinson, First Sub-Master, Charles M. Cumston, Second Sub-Master, Luther H. Hutchins, and Ephraim Hunt, Ushers - F. D. Williams, Teacher of Drawing. Girls' High and Normal School, Caroline C. Johnson & Mary E. Currier, Assistants - L. H. Southwick, Teacher of Music. Eliot School, Julia A. Election of subordinate teachers, and teachers of Primary Schools. Latin. Eng. High. Girls' High & Normal. Eliot.

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Boylston School.

Boylston Dist. Primary teachers

Locke, Emily R. Locke Head Assistant; Martha C. Locke, Caroline Jane, Elizabeth Williams, Elizabeth Coffin, Rachel C. Cathcart, Agnes L. Butterfield, Assistants; Caroline E. Pond, Teacher of Sewing; Albert Locke, Music Teacher. Teachers of Primary Schools:- Lydia A. Baker Sarah C. R. Manning, Emmi C. Gill, Lucy E. Ladd, Mary H. Faxon, Susan W. Smith, Elizabeth A. Kellett. Bowdoin School, James Ketchum, Assistant Teacher of Arithmetic; Mary A. Murdock & Rebecca Lincoln, Head Assistants, Mary A. R. Ketchum, Hannah D. Andrews, Elizabeth B. Hitchcock, Nancy Ann Smith, Martha A. Palmer, Sarah R. S. Townsend, Mary A. Locke, Assistants: Charles Butler, Music Teacher. Primary School Teachers:- Lucy A. Clark, Mary A. Howe, Rebecca R. Thayer, Sarah E. Wisenthal, Priscilla C. Sampson, Sarah A. Cushing, Lydia A. Woodward, F. D. R. Whitman, Harriet N. Pike, and Elmira P. Helleden.

Boylston School, William F. Adams, Principal, William F. Harding, Usher; Mary G. Clement, Head-Assistant; Clarinda R. F. Treadwell, Ellen M. S. Treadwell, Maria L. Moulton, Rosetta H. Hodges, Mary S. Smith, Laura P. Holland, Caroline Leavitt, Sarah H. Holland, Sarah C. Moulton, Assistants; Elizabeth Locke, Teacher of Sewing; Charles Butler, Music Teacher. Teachers of Primary Schools; Celesta Wood, Catherine C. Porter, Mary E. Thayer, Ann M. Parker, Maria H. Perkins, Maria B. Clapp, Marianne A. Rich, Margaret F. Tappan, Julia M. Townsend, Celania

C. Hunt, Maria J. Colburn, Julia B. Lombard, Lydia B. Bell, Sarah E. McLucas, Harriette B. Tuttle, Ellen L. Lunderhill, Sarah F. Parsons, Adelia C. Edwards. July 17. 1855.

Brimmer School; William L. P. Boardman, Usher; Anna La Cage, Head Assistant; Mary E. Peck, Mary Taylor, Ellen V. Cunningham, Mary A. Knight, Helen M. Chaffee, and Augusta H. Farrar, Assistants; Edwin Bruce, Music Teacher. Brimmer Dist. Brimmer School.

Teachers of Primary Schools:- Elizabeth Goodridge, Sarah K. Coates, C. F. Andrews, Mary B. Swett, Deborah Rogers, Lucas B. Baldwin, Caroline E. Richardson, Helen F. W. Peck, Hannah C. Gillespie, Priscilla L. Taft, Eliza C. Foster, Anne M. Bonne. Primary Teachers.

Chapman School. Boys' Department: Jane E. Gilbert, Head Assistant; Adeline C. Chapman, Julia F. Beals and Elizabeth K. Dickson, Assistants. Chapman School.

Chapman School, Girls' Department: Lucy A. Higgins, Sarah F. Whittemore, Mary F. Pingree, Charlotte L. Stockwell, and Helen M. Caldwell, Assistants; Mary F. Conley, Teacher of Sewing: L. H. Southard, Music Teacher. Sarah J. D'Arcy, and Mary E. Morton were nominated as teachers on probation. Chapman Dist. Primary teachers.

Teachers of Primary Schools: Emily E. Pinkham, F. C. Harrington, Susan M. Underwood, Emily C. Hunt, Sarah F. Pratt, Rosa L. Morse, Kate W. Lincoln, Jane E. Beale, Louisa Curtis, Mary E. Morse, Mary O. Smith.

The election of subordinate teachers in the Knight School was laid upon the table. Knight School, and Primary Schools in the Knight School District were District.

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East School. East School; Samuel H. Lawson, Sub-Master; Sarah Louisa Usher, Abby F. Nash, Head Assistant; Eliza L. Fitt, Sophia Shepard, Hannah C. Warren, Caroline A. Conant, Calista M. Clement, Fanny R. Richardson, Sarah J. Jones, Ina E. Lyke, Emily F. Shattuck, Elizabeth M. Turner & Lucy D. Osborn. Charles Butler, Teacher of Music. In Primary

East 2d St. Primary Schools East School District; Martha A. Brady, Mary B. Pitts, Isabella R. Read, Abigail F. Rich, Louisa A. Jewett, A. Shackley, Mary E. Hubbard, Sarah Wyeth, Louisa A. Pitts, Sarah E. Pierce, Eliza Bruntnall, Mary E. Eaton, Mary E. Myers, Harriet S. Bridgeman, Mary A. Cushing. Franklin School;

Franklin School. Catharine F. Simonds, Ada A. Johnson, Annette H. Keene, Head Assistants; Sarah A. Gale, Elizabeth M. Bradbury, Mary J. Tuck, Clara M. Elms, Mary A. Whitcomb, Elizabeth P. Brown. — Teacher of Music. Teachers of Primary Schools. Franklin School District;

Franklin District Primary Teachers Hancock School Susan C. Chapin, Jane F. Hobart, Abbie K. Sweetser, Helen E. Eaton, Caroline F. Elms. Josephine G. Whipple, Ellen Wright, Ann M. Eldridge, Eliza J. Lyon and M. C. Mason. Hancock School; Thomas G. Bancroft, Vice Master, Susan R. Hoyt, Head Assistant, Camilla A. Pierce, Sarah E. White, C. K. Bigham, Sarah Bancroft, M. Sherman, Elizabeth F. M. King, Mary F. Gale and Angeline F. Bigham, Assistants;

Mary L. McKay, Teacher of Singing, L. N. Southard. Music Teacher. Teachers of Primary Schools in Hancock School District:- Elizabeth F. Pettes, Sarah L. Shepard, Anna H. Burns, Anna E. Page, Susan Page, Harriet H. Hall, Emily F. Hutchins, Frances E. Hiskins, Emily E. Turner, Harriet M. James, Mary E. Keith, Theresa M. Carpenter, Nancy B. Seaver, Betsey L. Cannedy. Hawes School: Charles L. Hamlin, Sub-Master, Henry C. Hardon, Usher: Josephine W. Easte, and Martha A. Dearborn, Assistants; Albert Drake, Music Teacher. Primary School Teachers in the Hawes School District: Cynthia H. Sears, Tiley Ann Balcom, Elizabeth F. Dodge, C. A. Mott.

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Lyman School:- James F. Blackinton, Sub-Master, Mary O. Bulfinch, and Mary S. Sage, Head Assistants: Almira G. Smith, Mary A. Turner, Amelia H. Pitman, Eliza F. Russell, Mary P. Moulton, Jane M. Hight, Emeline French, Clara M. Crosby, Cordelia Bathrop, Eliza J. Higgin, & Fanny R. Edmunds, Assistants; Louisa Pratt, Teacher of Singing, L. N. Southard, Music Teacher.- Primary Teachers in the Lyman School District: Susan H. Lyman, Elizabeth Lincoln, Elizabeth H. Allen, Frances H. Redding, Susan L. White, Katine F. Hussey, Esther L. Howe, Evaline C. King, Pulcinal J. Willis, Lucy M. Endicott, and Hannah C. Atkins.

Lyman School. Lyman School. Lyman Dist. Primary Teachers.

Mather School: Asa Weeks, Sub-Master, L. F. Bradley, Head Assistant; Lucy Floyd, Marguette F. Hardy, Emily Childs, Elizabeth B. Lyon, Alice

Mather School.

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Cutler, C. A. Jewett, Mary Jane, Carter, Mary J. Bowman, Olive C. Jewett, Carrie Jane Hill, Sarah M. Mack, Ida M. Bliss, Teacher of Sewing, Abbot Duke, Carrie Sawtell.

Cutler Dist. Primary School

Primary Teachers

Cutler Primary School District:- Lucinda Smith, Elizabeth C. Bennett, Susan L. Sprout, Eliza D. Emerson, Mary N. Lewis and K. Olive, C. E. Fox, Sarah J. Bell, Rebecca H. Bird, Mary Fiske, and L. L. Hemond.

Clayton School

Clayton School; Abel Swan, 1st Master; Lucy C. Robinson, Asher, Emily L. Hamilton, Rachel Smith, 2d, Abial Swan, Annie Decker, Elizabeth L. West, Elizabeth Hopkins, S. H. Copeland, Sarah E. Curtis, Helen M. Pearson, Caroline M. Rice, Assistants.

Clayton Dist. Primary Teachers

Clayton Primary School District:- C. H. Callender, Mary C. Parker, Pamelia Stevens, Ann E. Clapp, Caroline W. Wilson, Bethiah Whiting, Harriet A. Farnum, Harriet M. Mann, Harriet L. Chester.

Phillips School

Phillips School; Simpson Giles, 1st Master, Ellen M. Cotrell, Assistant, Helen L. Gilson, Assistant; Catharine P. Low, Eliza F. Copeland, Ellen M. Harrington, and Gertrude A. Brown, Assistants; Edwin Bruce, Music Teacher. Teachers of Primary Schools, Phillips School District; Mary J. Allen, Caroline P. Eastman, Lydia F. Rol, Sarah M. Farnum, Eliza A. Cottrell, Abby A. Lincoln, Sarah Ingalls, and Ruth M. Fenton.

Phillips Dist. Primary Teachers

Quincy School

Quincy School; R. H. Putnam, 1st Master, Abraham Allen, and William R. Dimmick, Assts.

Josephine L. Tucker, Head Assistant; Lydia F. Hanson, E. Marie Simonds, Harriet D. Hinckley, Emily B. Peck, Caroline L. Cotton, E. C. Winton, Caroline F. Harris, H. F. Dow, Angelina F. Hamilton, Frances A. Clapp, Olive M. Paige, Ada G. B. Beal, Assistants; Charles Butler, Music Teacher. July 17, 1883.

Primary Teachers in the Quincy School District:- Lucy C. Haskell, Hannah F. Lawrence, Adeline Stockbridge, Hannah L. Billings, Mary A. Hunt, Frances Perry, Elizabeth F. Emmons, Mary C. Greene, Charlotte L. Young, Hannah E. Morse, Lucy Williams, Caroline L. F. Perry. Quincy Dist'. Primary Teachers.

Smith School, Charlotte M. Hancock, Assistant; Elizabeth Smith, Teacher of Sewing, James C. Johnson, Music Teacher. Teachers of Primary Schools, Smith School District:- Harriett H. King, Marianne Stephens. Smith School & Primary Teachers.

Wells School, William H. Town, Usher. Mattilda F. Perry, Mary L. Carter, Sarah J. Bethrop, Lydia F. Hayward, Annie E. Chase, Julianna Spurrell, Assistants. Jane C. Bickford, Teacher of Sewing. Edwin Bruce, Music Teacher. Teachers of Primary Schools, Wells School District:- Mary L. Bailey, Anna F. Parker, Augusta H. Foster, Lucy C. F. Robbins, Clemira R. Horsley, Elizabeth W. Snow, Elizabeth S. Foster, Elizabeth F. Gates, Mary F. H. Collins, Matilda Harriman, Mary F. Wells. Wells School. Wells Dist'. Primary Teachers.

Winthrop School, Susan A. W. Loring, Rebecca F. Perry, Almira Bent, and Martha E. Towne, Head Assistants. Elizabeth Winthrop School.

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K. Briggs, Caroline F. Rogers, Martha L. Colton, Almira Tyrrell, Mary Jane Langdell, Caroline E. Leighton, Hannah H. Freeman, Eliza J. Reed, and L. Ellen Sprague, Assistants. Rebecca W. Bell, Teacher of Sewing. L. H. Southard, Music Teacher.

Winthrop School Committee

Teachers of Primary Schools in the Winthrop School District, - Mary A. Cartwright, Sarah Smith, Sarah E. Lewis, Mary E. Perkins, Julia C. Bird, Mary B. Browne, Anna C. Jones, Harriette A. Bettis, Sarah G. Tinkham, Elizabeth C. Frink, Harriet A. Parker.

Chapman School District; Primary School in; -

The Order offered and laid upon the table at the last meeting, to authorize the establishment of a new Primary School in the Chapman School District, was referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Boylston District; Primary School discontinued.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on the Boylston School District, Ordered, That the Intermediate School in Williams St. (No. 1) be discontinued, and that the pupils be transferred to the Intermediate School in Franklin St. (No. 3.)

Singing in Bowdoin School.

Dr. Patterson offered the following:- Ordered, That the Committee on the Bowdoin School District have authority to discontinue the giving of instruction in Singing in said School, if, in their judgment, such a course be for the best interest of said School.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to build a new School House in Ward II, in accordance with a sketch of a plan adopted by the Committee of that School District, and by the Committee on School Houses. July 17. 1855. New School House in Ward II.

Voted to fix the salaries of the teachers for the ensuing year. Salaries of Teachers for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Hoskins, seconded by Mr. Wilbur, Ordered, That the salaries be the same as during the last year, with the exception of those teachers whose salaries are fixed at $250 for the first year, which shall be increased to $300.00.

The Meeting then dissolved.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

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An adjourned and Quarterly Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the 7th day of August, 1855.— The President in the Chair.

Quarterly Reports.

The Committees of the several School Districts presented their Quarterly Reports upon the examination and condition of all the Schools, with the exception of the Schools in the Boylston District. The Reports were accepted, and referred to a Special Committee, — in accordance with Sect. 21st. Chap II. of the Rules, — consisting of Messrs. Shurtleff, Entworth, Lyman, Hurlbut, Drake, Hunting, and Baker.

Special Committee on the Annual Report

Bill of Miss Ellis.

Dr. Buck offered the following Order;— Ordered, That $62.50 be paid to Miss Sarah P. Ellis for her services as instructor, one quarter, in the Primary School in Thacher Street, lately occupied by Miss Elizabeth G. Johnson; the quarter commencing May 1st, and ending July 31st, 1855. Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Salaries of Teachers recommended.

On motion of Mr. Drake, it was Voted to reconsider the Order, adopted at the last Meeting, fixing the salaries of the Teachers in the Public Schools for the ensuing year. Mr. Drake then offered the following Orders, which were adopted:—

Grades.

Ordered, That, for the ensuing School year, the rate of Salaries of the Masters of the Latin, English High

and Girls' High and Normal Schools, of the Sub Masters, Aug. 7 1854.
Ushers of the Latin and English High Schools, the Head
Assistants and Assistants of the Girls' High and Nor-
mal School, & of the Masters, Sub Masters, Ushers, and
Head Assistants of the Grammar Schools, shall be the
same as that of the present year.

Ordered, That, on and after the First of Sep-
tember next, all female teachers who have been or
shall be in the employ of this Board as teachers in
the Primary Schools, or as Assistants in the Gramma
Schools, shall receive three hundred dollars for
the first and second year's service, with an in-
crease of fifty dollars for each additional year's ser-
vice, until the salary amounts to four hundred
dollars per annum.

On motion of Dr. Stevens, Voted to go into an election of a Master of the Dwight School for Girls.

Dwight School for Girls: election for choice of Master.

Dr. Stevens presented the petition of William Brigham, John T. Sargent, Elisha Copeland, Alexander H. Rice, George Eaton, Luther Parks Jr., and others, in all three hundred and fifty, praying that Mr. George B. Hyde may be again elected Master of the Dwight School for Girls.

Petition for election of G. B. Hyde.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Mills, Drake, and Baker a Committee to collect, assort and count the votes. The Committee proceeded to that duty and reported the whole number of votes to be thirty one; that Mr. Geo. B. Hyde had

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no choice.

twenty four, and there were seven scattering. The Chair announced that there was no choice; - thirty votes being requisite for an election.

Text-Books.
Ann'l Report of Committee on.

Mr. Skinner, Chairman of the Committee on Text-Books, presented the following Report: -

The Book Committee would report that they have attended to the duties prescribed in the Rules of the Board. On examination it was found that but little attention is paid in our Schools to the History of our own country; and, as the text-book in use for the study of History contains only a brief sketch of our country, your Committee have thought best to recommend that Goodrich's History of the United States be a required text-book of the first Class in the Grammar Schools. They have found it to be a well written and reliable work.

History

Goodrich's Hist. U. S.

According to the present Rules of the Board, no attention is paid to Grammar till the pupils reach the Second Class; but your Committee think it should be a required study in the Third Class.

Grammar in the Third Class.

They have, therefore, after a consultation with the Superintendent, and those who have had long experience as Masters in Schools, thought best to recommend that the course of instruction be thus changed. In connection with this change, they would recommend the introduction of Towers Elements of English Grammar, and that it be used in such portions of the Second and Third clas-

Towers Elements of English Grammar

as the Masters, under the direction of their respective Committees, may deem expedient. Aug. 7, 1855.

This is a work strictly elementary in its character, and, in its simplicity and arrangement, admirably fitted for beginners. It is constructed on the method adopted by Colburn in his Arithmetic; and it is believed that it will be found equally as valuable in teaching Grammar as Arithmetic.

Connell's Geography.

The attention of the Committee has been called to Connell's Geography; but they did not see any reason for its adoption.

Palmer's Arithmetic.

The attention of your Committee was also called to Palmer's Arithmetic. While not disposed to recommend it as a text-book, they thought it contained some things of special value; and they beg the privilege of appending to their Report an Order for the purchase of one copy for each of the Grammar Masters.

one copy to each Master.

For the Committee, Otis A. Skinner, Chairman.

Ordered, That the Secretary be requested to purchase a copy of Palmer's Arithmetic for the use of each of our Grammar Masters.

Read, accepted, and the Order adopted.

Vote to amend

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, Voted to amend the Record of the last Meeting, so that it shall read, "the Meeting adjourned to the first Tuesday in August," - and that this meeting stand as an adjourned and Quarterly meeting.

amended.

Aug. 7. 1855. Transfer of a pupil

Dr. Cornell gave notice of the transfer of a pupil from the Brimmer to the Quincy School, by the mutual consent of the Chairmen of the committees on the two schools.

Suspension of Teacher confirm'n of this Dist. Knocknock District.

On motion of Dr. Buck, the Rule was suspended to allow of the confirmation of Sarah J. Ellis of the Knocknock District, she having served for some time as Substitute, and for one quarter besides, without an appointment to the full satisfaction of her Sub Committee. Miss Ellis was then confirmed as teacher of School No. 3. Fourth St.

Nominations &c.

Rel. to Haven Sch.

Henry E. Belcher was confirmed as Head Assistant in the Haven School.

Keith, Tucker, Bruce, Tinell & Beck, in Franklin Dist. Pratt, Lyman Dist. Keeton, Mather Dist.

The following nominations were made by the respective Sub-Committees:- Harriet J. Keith, Harriet Keith and Louisa Tucker, in the Dwight School District. Mr. Henry J. Bruce, Assistant in the Franklin School. Eliza Ann Tinell & Lucy H. Beck, teachers of Primary Schools in Gates St. Louisa Pratt, in School No. 3. Lyman St, Lyman District. Harriet N. Keeton, School No. 1, Phillips Church, in the Mather District.

Dissolved for want of a quorum.

Attest:

J. Barnard Clapp. Secretary.

A Special Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, Sept. 11th, 1855. — Sept. 11. 1855.

The President in the Chair.

Dr. Connell presented and read the report of the Special Committee appointed "to inquire whether the Boys' Schools need any additional rule in instruction and discipline." — Additional Rule in instruction and discipline; — Report of Committee.

Dr. Lothrop moved, and it was voted, that the Report be recommitted.

The Committee on Text Books offered the following Order: Ordered, That Goodrich's History of the United States be a required text-book of the First Class in the Grammar Schools. Read, and laid upon the table. — Goodrich's Hist. of U. States.

The same Committee offered the following Order: Ordered, That Town's Elements of English Grammar be used in such portions of the Second and Third Classes of the Grammar Schools as the Masters, under the direction of their respective Committees, may deem expedient. Read, and adopted. — Town's Elements of Eng. Grammar.

Mr. Tuxbury offered the following:— Whereas, by a recent act of the Legislature of this Commonwealth, the several towns and cities are required to admit into their public Schools all children of suitable age and qualifications, without distinction in regard to color, thereby rendering any — Smith School established, & all other "Colored Schools."

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further provision for the separate instruction of the colored children of this city unnecessary and inexpedient; therefore, Ordered, That the School now existing in Joy Street, and designated as the "Smith School," together with the Primary School and the School for Special Instruction connected therewith, and all other schools being for the exclusive education of colored children, be discontinued and abolished; and that the Secretary be directed to inform the several persons recently elected as teachers in said schools, that their services in that capacity will no longer be required by the city.

Yeas & Nays.

On motion of Mr. Haskins, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the same were taken, as follows. Yeas, Messrs. Allen, Blagden, Bradbury, Buck, Clark, Cudworth, Drake, Fabyan, Farley, Foy, Gould, Hall, Hanaford, Haskins, Holbrook, Hooper, Howe, Hubbard, Jarvis, Lyman, Miller, Mills, Newell, Norton, Palmer, Plummer, Rolfe, Russell of Ward 5, Russell of Ward 7, Shaw, Skinner, Stevens, Tuxbury, Upham, Ware, Wilbur, Willard, and the President. 38.

Nays, Messrs. Bates, Connell, Day, Holmes, Leonard, Soule. 6. Absent. Messrs. Allen, Adams, Baker, Bigelow, Brewster, Calkins, Codman, Coolidge, Damon, Ellis, Emerson, Gordon, Hazelton, Hobbs, Lothrop, Mayo, Moore, Parker, Ramney, Russell of Ward 12, Shurtleff, Smith, Stickney, Sykes, Thacher, Thaxter, Vose,

York, and the President of the Common Council. 29. Nos. Sept. 11th, 1855.
Romans declined voting. So said Preamble & Order
were adopted accordingly.

Ordered, That the subject Colored children
of providing free instruction for the colored children to be admitted
of the city in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic be re- into all the
ferred to the several District Committees with author- Schools.
ity to admit said children into the several Schools
now established in their particular districts, in all
cases where they can properly be accommodated; other-
wise, to make such other suitable provision for their
accommodation as may, in the judgement of said
district Committees be deemed most advisable:- mean-
ing and intending, hereby, to comply with the con-
dition contained in the will of the late Abial
Smith, whereby the income of the legacy left by
him may be secured to the city for the purposes
for which it was given.

Mr. Thacher offered the Joint Com-
following Order, and moved a suspension of the mittee of the
Rule adopted July 17th for its passage. The Rule was Boudoin &
suspended and the Order passed, as follows:- Phillips Schl
Ordered, That the Committee on the Boudoin Dist. Com^es
School District, and the Committee on the Phillips empowered to
School District be a joint Committee with full organise certain
power to organise a new Primary School, and a new Schools.
new School for Special Instruction, in order to pro-
vide for the increased number of applicants in
those districts, consequent upon the discontinuance

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of those schools heretofore existing for the exclusive instruction of the colour children.

Report, Com^e on Salaries. Salary of Miss L. P. Ellis.

The Committee on Salaries would report in favor of the adoption of the Order to pay Miss Sarah P. Ellis $62.50 for services rendered in the Hancock School District.

Owing to an oversight on the part of the District Committee, Miss Ellis was not nominated to this Board till August, though she commenced Service upon the first of May. The object of the Order is to pay her for the three months' service previous to her name coming upon the books of the Board.

For the Committee, Henry A. Drake, Chair^n.

Read, accepted, and the Order passed.

Report Com^e on Accounts on Globes for the Schools

The Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred at the Meeting in May last, the Order concerning Globes, instructing said Committee to consider the expediency of introducing them more generally into the Schools, - to ascertain the kind and number wanted, and the probable expense, have attended to that duty and beg leave to Report: -

As regards the expediency you Committee do not consider it necessary to enter into any explanation. In the successful prosecution of so important a branch as Geography, it is apparent that whatever, in the shape of model or illustration, can

simplify the study and assist the comprehension; is certainly worthy of consideration; but, in addition to this, your Committee have the testimony of various teachers, with whom they have consulted, who unanimously assert that the use of Globes is not only of great assistance to the pupil, but is absolutely necessary for a correct and thorough knowledge of the science. Sept. 11. 1855.

Secondly, as regards the kind and number wanted, your Committee have on exhibition a copy of Joslin's Solar Tellunic Globe, which, in addition to its use as an ordinary globe, is designed to show the motion of the Earth with regard to the Sun; the changes of the Seasons; the Signs of the Zodiac, &c. They also offer for your examination a simple hand-globe for the less advanced Classes.

They propose to supply each of the Grammar Schools, the English High and the Latin School, not already provided, with a copy of the Solar Tellunic Globe, and two copies of the smaller kind, at an expense of $7,00 for the former, and $2,00 for the latter, — making, in gross, the sum of less than $200. —

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Wm. H. Baker, Chairman.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to procure two of the smaller sized Globes, now on exhibition, for the Latin, and two for each of the Grammar Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to procure one of Joslins Solar Tellunic

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Globes in each of the Grammar Schools, the English High and Latin Schools, excepting such Schools as are already supplied.

Read and accepted, and the Orders passed.

Sewing. - Rep. Com. on Rules & Regulations to discontinue instruction in Sewing in Bowdoin School

The Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred the Order in relation to the discontinuance of giving instruction in Sewing in the Bowdoin School, respectfully Report: - The Committee, upon a careful consideration of the subject, and conversation with several of the teachers in the Schools where such instruction is now given, and from their own observation in such Schools, are of opinion that there are Schools in which such instruction may well be suspended, without any detriment to said Schools. They are also of opinion that, in some of the girls' Schools, especially in those cases where instruction in Sewing is less likely to be given at home, it would be highly expedient to provide such instruction in the public Schools.

The Committee therefore recommend the passage of the following Order.

For the Committee, G. W. Sutton, Chairman.

Ordered, That the several District Committees of the girls' Schools be authorized to discontinue the giving instruction in Sewing therein whenever, in their judgment, such a course shall be for the best interest of the School.

Read and accepted,

and the Order passed. | Sept. 11. 1855.

On motion of Mr. Hanaford, | Entertainment or Excursion for the School Committee.

Ordered, That a Special Committee be appointed to inquire, consider, and report upon the propriety of providing some suitable entertainment or excursion for the School Committee of Boston. Messrs. Hanaford, Drake and Bradbury, were appointed that Committee.

Dr. Stevens offered the following:- Ordered, That the Dwight School District Committee have leave to establish another Primary School in said District. Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses. | Dwight School Dist. - new Prim. School in

Mr. Drake offered the following:- Ordered, That the children who continue to attend the public Schools, and who were living in the territory of Washington Village at the time of its annexation to this city, be furnished at the expense of the city, the books necessary to bring the schools in that place under the regulations of this Board. Read and referred to the Committee on Accounts. | Books for children in Washington Village.

Ordered That the Committee on Rules and Regulations cause one thousand extra copies of the existing Rules and Regulations to be printed for the use of this Board. | Rules and Regulations to be printed.

The Committee on School Houses reported the following Order;- | Com. on Sch. Houses Report.

Sept. 11. 1855. Chapman School Dist: new Primary School in.

Ordered. That the Committee of the Chapman School District is authorized to open a new Primary School in that District. Read and passed.

Confirmations. Fan. Warner Nominations. Noble. Brooks. Reed. Capt. Spaniell. Election. Spinner. Watson. Newell.

Miss Ellen M. Warner was appointed as a teacher in the High and Normal School. Ellen M. Warner was confirmed as a Primary School teacher in the Hancock School District. The following teachers were nominated by their respective Committees:- Miss Ellen M. Noble, Miss Sarah A. Brooks, and James Reed as Masters, in the Latin School. Harriet E. Capt and Caroline E. Spaniell, assistants in the Girls High & Normal School.

Ward Committee, teacher of a Primary School in Bennet Avenue, Eliot School District.

Emily C. Spinner and Mary Jane Watson, assistants in the Hancock School.

Elizabeth Newell, assistant in the Winthrop School.

Adjourned, for want of a quorum.

Attest.

Barnard Capen Secretary.

Oct. 2nd, 1855 No Quorum.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, Oct. 2nd, 1855. The President in the Chair. The Meeting was called to order at half past Four o'clock, when, no quorum being present, the meeting dissolved.

Attest. Barnard Capen, Secretary.

A Quarterly Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, Nov. 6th, 1855. The President in the Chair.

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Letters of resignation as members of the Board were received from Calvin Damon of Ward 12, and Charles Thacher of Ward 6. Read and accepted.

Resignation of Messrs. Damon and Thacher.

A communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings, notifying this Board that the Primary School House in Snelling Place, on Hull St., is finished and ready for occupancy, was read, and referred to the Committees on the Eliot and Hancock School Districts, with full powers to occupy said School-house in such manner as they may deem proper.

New Primary School House on Hull St.

Mr Clark offered the following: Ordered, That Miss Maria R. Baker, who has served as substitute in the girls' department of the Chapman School, be paid her salary from June 1 to Sept. 1, $62.50, ($250 per annum) and from Sept. 1 to Dec. 1, $75; ($300 per annum) in all $137.50. — Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Maria R. Baker. Order in her Salary.

The Committee on Accounts have considered the Order, referred to them in September last, providing that the Schools in Washington Village be furnished with books at the expense of the city, and Report: — That they cannot, without

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special legislation, pass favorably upon this Order.

The action of your Committee is necessarily limited by the Rules & Regulations of the Board, which provide, Sec. 29. Chap 5, — "In cases where children are in danger of being deprived of the advantages of education by inability to obtain books, through the poverty, or negligence of parents and guardians, the Committee on Accounts are authorized, on behalf of the School Committee, to carry out the provisions of the Statute on the subject — Rev. Stat. Chap. 23, Sects. 20, 21, 22. —

The Statutes provide, That the scholars of the public schools shall be provided with the necessary books by their parents, masters or guardians, &c. &c., and, in case of neglect of such parties do to provide, they shall be furnished by the School Committee, at the expense of the town; which expense shall be added to the next annual tax of parties so neglecting." —

Your Committee regard the annexation of this Village to Boston in the light of persons or families moving into the city from an adjacent town. It was an act of free will on their part, and, as the voluntarily put themselves under the city government of Boston, to partake of her protection and privileges, and conform to her laws and regulations in common with her citizens. So, in the question of schools, should this be placed on a uniform footing, and enjoy equal advantages; but, so wide a departure as the passage of this order anticipates must be regarded as a manifest injustice to the present pupils of our schools,

as well as a very dangerous precedent to establish in this Board. Nov. 6. 1855.

Your Committee, therefore, are of opinion that books &c. should be supplied to these Schools only under the Rules and Regulations already quoted; and recommend that the Order do not pass.

In behalf of the Committee,

William H. Eaton, Chairman.

Read, and accepted, and the Order rejected.

Report. Committee on Hawes & Bigelow School Districts: Arrangement of Primary Schools in Washington Village, &c.

The Joint Committee composed of the Hawes and Bigelow-District Committees, to whom was referred the subject of making some provision for the Washington Village School, submit the following Report: When these schools were first placed under our care they consisted of one Grammar School under the charge of a Master and female Assistant, and two Primary Schools instructed by two females, Teachers. Judging that the older children of the Grammar School could attend, without inconvenience, the Bigelow and Hawes Schools, we dispensed with the male teacher and placed the Fourth class of the School under the female assistant. The two Primary Schools were continued as before. This is the manner in which these schools are at present arranged — being supervised and examined by a joint Sub-Committee of the two Districts. But your Committee are of the opinion that the present arrangement

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of the Bigelow and Hawes Districts would be much simplified by an arrangement which would place all the Schools East of City Point under the care of the Hawes District Committee, and all at Washington Village under the charge of the Bigelow District Committee. For accomplishing this object we recommend the adoption of the following Order.

For the Committee, Henry A. Drake.

Ordered: That the five Primary Schools in the Bigelow School House, the Primary School under Lyceum Hall, and all the Schools in Washington Village be placed under the care of the Bigelow District Committee:- that the Branch School at City Point, and all the other Primary Schools east of C Street be under the charge of the Hawes District Committee. Read, accepted, and the Order passed.

Report, Joint Committee on Bowdoin & Phillips School Districts, on the establishment of certain new schools

The Joint Committee composed of the Bowdoin and Phillips School District Committees, to whom was referred the subject of establishing a new School for Special Instruction and a new Primary School, would respectfully submit the following

Report: That they have found it necessary to occupy the old Smith School house, in part, and have accordingly fitted it up for the departments. In the upper room they have placed the Usher of the Phillips School, with his Assistant and Class. In the lower room they have opened a School

for Special Instruction. They have also removed that branch of the Phillips School formerly located in a Primary School room in Revere St, to the room in the Phillips School House vacated by the removal of the Usher and his class; by which arrangement they have the Primary School room in Revere St, in which they have opened a new Primary School. Nov. 6. 1855.

They have assigned the new School for Special Instruction to the Phillips District Committee, and the new Primary School to the Bowdoin District Committee.

Respectfully submitted
in behalf of the Committee, J. W. Hubbard.

Read and accepted.

Dr. Lothrop, from the special Committee to whom was recommitted a previous Report upon the expediency of employing additional male instruction and discipline in the Boys' Schools, presented a Report on that subject, which recommended the passage of the following Order:- Report on Additional male instruction & discipline in Boys' Schools.

Ordered, That the paragraph near the top of the 41st page, beginning, "The Boys' Schools organized" &c,- being a part of the 2nd Sect. of the 10th Chap. of the Rules and Regulations- be amended so as to read as follows:- "The Boys' Schools organized on this plan shall be instructed by a Master, a Sub-Master an Usher, a Head-Assistant and three or more female Assistants; but each District Committee, whenever they shall deem it expedient, may em-

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pting as many additional Ushers as may be necessary to allow one male instructor to every one hundred and thirty pupils in attending the Grammar School of the District; but no District Committee shall employ an additional Usher for a less number, except upon leave granted by a vote of the whole Board." Read, and laid on the table.

Report, Com. on School Houses: new Primary School in Quincy District.

The Committee on School Houses have examined the subject of a new Primary School in the Quincy School District, referred to them at the last Meeting of the Board, and recommend the passage of the following Order.

For the Committee, R. H. Cooper, Chairman.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Quincy School District be authorized to establish a new Primary School in that District.

Read, accepted, and the Order passed.

Com. to report. Order to print.

Ordered, That the Committee charged with the preparation of the Annual Report be authorized to report in print the Document required by the rule of this Board, and to cause the usual number to be issued for general distribution.

New Primary School in Quincy District.

On motion of Dr. Connell, an Order for the establishment of a new Primary School in the Quincy School District, laid upon the table in

June last, was taken thereform and referred to the Committee on School Houses. Nov. 6. 1855. Quincy District.

The Committee on School Houses, having had their attention directed to the absolute need of a new Primary School in the Quincy School District, have examined the subject previous to this meeting, and are now prepared to report in favor of the Order referred to them today. Report. Com^tee on School Houses. — New Prim. School in Quincy District.

For the Committee, R. W. Hooper, Chairman.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Quincy School District be authorized to establish a new Primary School in East St. Place. Read, accepted, and the Order passed.

The Quarterly Reports on the condition of all the Schools were read by the respective District Committees and were accepted by the Board. Quarterly Reports.

The resignation of Cornelius Walker, as Grammar Master of the Wells School, was read and accepted. Cornelius Walker resigns.

Mr. Emerson offered the following Resolutions: —

Resolved: That the present organization of the Wells Grammar and Writing School be discontinued, and that the School be organized on the plan denominated in the Regulations the "Third Plan" of Schools. Wells School: Organization on the Third Plan.

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Wells School Master.

Resolved, That Mr. Reuben Swan, the present Writing Master of the Wells School, perform the duty of Master of the School, in its new organization, for the remainder of the current year.

Asst. Master

Resolved That Mr. William H. Swan the present Usher in the Wells School, perform the duty of Asst Master in the School for the remainder of the current year, and that he be paid at the rate of twelve hundred Dollars per annum from the 24th of September last.

Fem. Asst

Resolved That Miss Matilda A. Gray perform the duty of Fem. Assistant for the remainder of the current year, and that her salary for such service be made up from the 24th of September last.

Prim. School discontinued.

Resolved That the Primary School No. 1 Spring St. Place be discontinued, and its Scholars assigned to other Primary Schools in the Wells School District.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Emerson moved a suspension of the Rules for the passage of the Resolutions. The Rules were suspended and the Resolutions adopted.

Salary of Cornelius Walker.

Mr. Plumma offered the following Order:- Ordered, That Cornelius Walker, late Master in the Wells School, be paid the salary of his office up to the end of the current Quarter.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Transfer of a pupil

Dr. Buck gave notice of the transfer, in accordance with the Rules of the Board, of a pupil, from the Bowdoin to the Hancock Sch.

The action of the Committee on those Schools, in mak- Nov. 6. 1855.
ing said transfer, was confirmed by the Board.

Books of Reference for the Girls' High School.

Dr. Russell offered the following:- Ordered, That the Committee on the Girls' High and Normal School be authorized to procure books of reference for the use of the teachers and pupils of that School, at an expense not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars. Read, and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Petitions of non-residents to attend the public Schools.

Dr. Buck presented the petitions of F. D. Cragin and J. F. Cooper, residents of Chelsea, asking that their daughters may be permitted to attend the Hancock School. The same gentleman then offered the following:- "In reply to the petitions just presented, Voted, That the following Preamble and Resolution be adopted:-

Attendance of non resident children:- Authority of Sch. Com^es to permit.

Whereas - Subsequent to the adoption of the Rules and Regulations of this Board of School Committee, the Legislature of this Commonwealth have passed a law prescribing the circumstances and the conditions under which children may be allowed to attend the public Schools in an adjoining town: and

Whereas,- It does not appear that either that law, or any other one that can be found among the Statutes of this State, applies to the case of either of the petitioners whose prayer is now before us:

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and Whereas — The law having prescribed the conditions under which children may be allowed to attend the public schools in an adjoining town, School Committees, who are but the creatures of the law, have no authority to allow such attendance on any other conditions, therefore,

Resolved, That this Board of School Committee is not authorized to grant the prayer of the petitioners." Read and laid on the table, and, thereupon, it was

City Solicitor's opinion to be obtained.

Voted, That the petitions of S. D. Cragin & 99 others, residents of the town of Chelsea, and "not living remote from any public school in" said town, be referred to the City Solicitor; and that he be requested to state, in writing, whether the School Committee of Boston is authorized to grant the prayer of the aforesaid petitioners; and to state, generally, whether the School Committee of Boston can legally permit children residing in any adjacent town or city to attend the public schools of Boston, for any other reason or reasons than the one named in the Act of March 24. 1855.

Abraham Andrews. Liability to.

Mr. Wilbur offered the following Order:-

Ordered, That a Quarter's Salary, additional, be paid to Abraham Andrews, formerly Master of the Bowdoin School. Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

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Mr. Upham offered the following:- Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to place a partition across the Hall of the Bowdoin School House, that it may thus be divided into two rooms; and to provide some additional means of ventilation. Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Bowdoin Sch. House: alterations in.

Mr. Hubbard offered the following Order:- Ordered, That the teachers of the late Smith School be allowed one quarter's salary, in compensation for the disappointment of being thrown out of employment by the abolishment of said School. Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Smith Sch.: Gratuity to teachers of.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to inquire what alterations and repairs are necessary in the Bigelow School Building, and report such recommendations as they may deem expedient.

Bigelow Sch. House: alterations and repairs in.

Upon nomination of their respective Committees the following teachers were confirmed, viz, Sarah J. D'Arcy, Mary E. Morton and Sarah A. Pratt, in the Chapman School District.

Confirmations. D'Arcy Morton Pratt

Susan A. Vose in the Eliot District.

Vose.

Helen E. Eaton, Eliza Ann Tinell and Marcia T. Wolcott in the Franklin District. Louisa Pratt and Mary A. Tileomb in the Lyman District.

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Harriet M. King, in the Phillips School District.

King.

Nominations.

The following teachers were nominated to the Board as being on probation; viz.

Parker.

Mahveda N. Parker, Caroline E. Mason, Marianne Stephens, in the Bowdoin School District.

Mason.

Stephens.

McKendry.

Ellen McKendry, Ellen E. Ayers in the Boylston District.

Ayers.

Shuyer.

Frederick A. Shuyer and Rebecca L. Duncan in the Brimmer District.

Duncan.

Webber.

Annette F. Webber in the Chapman District.

Ellis.

Anna C. Ellis, Head Assistant in the Dwight School.

Burrill.

Caroline F. Burrill, in the Hawes District.

Cushman.

Clara W. Cushman and Lucy F. Nevins in the Phillips School.

Fiske, Jr.

Ellen Fiske, Josephine Couthouy and Josephine Bacon in the Wells District.

Couthouy, Bacon.

Gibbs.

Hannah M. Gibbs and Eliza A. C. Day, in the Winthrop District.

Day.

Dwight Sch.

Mr. Moore nominated the following list of teachers in the Dwight School, whose election was laid on the table at the annual Meeting in July: — William F. Bacon, Sub-Master; Elizabeth P. Wyman, Lucretia F. Josselyn, Almira W. Hodges, Caroline L. Taylor, and Catherine F. Damrell, Assistants in the Boys Department. Eliza A. Harding, Head Assistant, Louisa Tucker, Permelia W. Cate, Frances A. Keller and Susan E. Green, Assistants in Girls Department, C. F. Brown, Sewing Teacher, L. H. Southard, Music Teacher in both Departments.

Examination of teachers in.

Adjourned to Tuesday, Nov. 20th.

Attest. J. Barnard Capen, Secretary.

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An adjourned Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, Nov. 20th, 1855.
The President in the Chair.

Petitions of non residents.

On motion of Dr. Buck it was
Voted to take from the table the petitions of J. G. Cogh and J. D. Eragin, presented at the last meeting, and referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion as to the authority of this Board to grant the same.

Cogh. Eragin.

The Preamble and Resolution offered by Dr. Buck at the last meeting were also taken from the table and read. The opinion of the City Solicitor which the Board requested was received and read, as follows: -

City Solicitor's opinion.

City Solicitor's Office, Boston, Nov. 19, 1855.

Dear Sir: I have considered the subject matter of the vote of the Board of School Committee passed at their last meeting and referring to me, as City Solicitor, the petitions of J. D. Eragin and J. G. Cogh.

It appears that these persons formerly resided in Boston, but now live in Chelsea, at places not remote from any public school of that town.

One of them has lived in Chelsea in three years last past; how long the other has lived there is not stated. They both wish their daughters to continue in the Hancock School, where they have heretofore attended, for the current school year, because of the disadvantages which they would suffer, being in the First Class, if compelled now to

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leave, and enter another school in the town where they reside. If the Board enforce the rule found on the 29th page of their printed Regulations the prayer of these petitioners cannot be granted. If, however, the rule is in contravention of the laws of the land the authority of the latter is paramount and must be obeyed, in preference to the rule.

Prior to the Statute of 1855, Ch. 78, there were no express statute regulations, to my knowledge, on this subject. Towns and cities were required, each, to establish and support a certain number of common schools in proportion to the number of inhabitants contained therein; the inhabitants being compelled, by taxation, to defray the expenses of such schools in their own towns only. It would seem, from this, that the schools in any one town or city were designed for the benefit of the children who reside, or whose parents or guardians reside, in that particular town or city. Such has been, in the main, the practical working of the law, and little difficulty or controversy has arisen from this source.

School Committees have exercised, so far as I have known, considerable discretion in the matter, and allowed some exceptions to the general principle. Much latitude is properly allowed the Committee in this particular. In strict justice the School Committee would have no right to appropriate moneys raised for the support of schools in the city, in aid of children coming from other towns to attend them, un-

less expressly authorized by Statute to do so. Nov. 20. 1855.

The Statute of 1855, referred to, seems to recognise and assume, affirmatively, this general principle; and to provide for the cases where exceptions may be made. It is in the following words; viz, — "Children living remote from any public school in the town in which they reside may be allowed to attend the public schools in an adjoining town, under such regulations and on such terms as the School Committee of such adjoining town may prescribe; and the School Committee are authorized to pay out of the appropriations of money raised for the support of schools, in aid of such children." The inference is that, without this Statute children from other towns could not be admitted to our schools in such an instance as is mentioned therein, and, in no case where they do not reside in the city. — The Statute specifies when this may be done, and that is when the children reside at a place remote from any school in their own town. And I think it is a fair and legitimate construction that it excludes all other cases than the one expressly provided for.

There are, in my opinion, very good and obvious reasons why the law should be that children shall attend school where they or their parents or guardians reside. The parent and guardians should have every reason and inducement to feel an interest in the schools in the town where they

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have a voice and a vote, and should not be allowed to enjoy the immediate benefits of Schools toward the support of which they contribute nothing. If they are to share in the benefits of the Schools of Boston they ought to live there and pay, also, their proportion of the burthens imposed upon its citizens in consequence of the same. There may be instances where members of the Committee and teachers would dislike to enforce the rule and the laws strictly, owing to the peculiar circumstances of the case. But with that I have nothing to do in this opinion. While the law and the rules of the Board are as I have stated and interpreted them, I do not see how the request of the said petitioners can be granted, legally, or, generally, how children living out of the City of Boston can be legally admitted or retained in our Schools, unless coming within the provision of the said statute. I have the honor to remain your obedient Servant, A. A. Ramney, City Solicitor. To Hon. J. V. C. Smith, Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Emerson

Voted, That the Opinion of the City Solicitor be placed on file.

Non-resident pupils:- Resolutions adopted.

On motion of Dr. Palmer, it was Voted to adopt the Preamble and Resolution offered by Dr. Buck at the last meeting.

Mr. Wilbur offered the following:-

Whereas. - This Board has reason to believe that Sec.

32. Chap. 8 of the School Regulations is not strictly enforced in all the Schools: Therefore, — Nov. 20. 1855.

Voted, That the Committees of the Latin, English High, Normal and Grammar Schools report to this Board, at its quarterly meeting in February next, whether or not this section is rigidly abided by in their several Schools; and, if not, every infraction of the same, with the names and residences of the transgressors. Non resident pupils to be reported to the Board.

Voted, That the above vote be communicated to the Masters of the Latin, English High, Normal and Grammar Schools, so that they may furnish the required information to their several Committees in season for their reports. Read, and adopted.

On motion of Dr. Stevens, it was Dwight School Master chosen for Girls Department.

Voted to suspend the Rules in order to go into an election for the choice of a master of the Dwight School for Girls. The Chair appointed Messrs. Stevens, Moore and Hilton a Committee to collect, assort and count the votes. The Committee attended to the duty assigned them, and reported the whole number of votes to be 39, and that Wm. Geo. B. Hyde had 34. Mr. Hyde was, thereupon, declared elected.

Upon nomination of the District Committee, the subordinate teachers in the Dwight School were elected. (See list of teaches nominated Nov. 6, page 106.)

The Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred an order on the subject of altera- Com. on School Houses - Report.

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tions in the Bigelow School House, offer the following Order. — For the Committee. R. W. Cooper, Chairman

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to make such alterations in the Bigelow School House as are desired by the Committee of that District, for the greater efficiency of that School House.

Read and passed.

Com. on School Houses Report. Bowdoin School House alterations.

The Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred an Order on the subject of alterations in the Bowdoin School House, offer the following Orders. For the Committee, R. W. Cooper, Chairman.

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to make the alterations in the Bowdoin School House that are desired by the Committee of that District. Read and passed.

High School for Girls. — Com^e Report in print.

On motion of Dr. Russell (Ward 7)

Voted, That the Special Committee on the subject of "High School Instruction for Girls" have leave to report in print.

Books of reference for Girls' High School. Rep^t Com. on Accounts.

The Committee on Accounts have considered the Order referred to them, authorizing the purchase of books of reference for the Girls' High and Normal School, and recommend the passage of the following Order. For the Committee,

Enoch C. Rolfe, Chairman.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding $150, in purchasing books of reference for the use of the teachers and pu-

pils in the Girls' High and Normal School. Nov. 20. 1855.

The Order was amended so as to authorise the Committee on the said School to make the purchase, and was then adopted.

Dr. Buck presented the Report of the Special Committee to whom was referred the Quarterly Report, for May last, of the Quincy School District Committee. On motion of Dr. Palmer, the Report was laid upon the table, and the Quarterly Report of the Quincy School District Committee was re-committed. Quincy Dist. Committee's Quarterly Rep't in May. Report of Special Committee on.

Upon the Order to pay Cornelius Walker, late Master of the Wells School, the salary of his office up to the end of the current quarter, the Committee on Salaries would Report:- Salary of Cornelius Walker. Report of Com^e on Salaries.

For more than two years it has been the uniform practice of this Board to decline granting all applications for money, beyond the regular salaries paid by the Board; it having been an established principle that the teachers in our Public School should be fairly paid for all services rendered, but that no gift or gratuity, beyond that, should be allowed.

This principle, as we have in our previous reports stated, your Committee believe to be strictly just and proper, and one to which the Board should continue resolutely to adhere. It is true that our predecessors, in some instances, have granted applications of this character, and, though your Com-

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mittee, with proper deference for their Board, question not their right right to appropriate the funds under their control, than we do that of this Board, still, there was at least more show of justification when the salaries of our masters were at twelve or fifteen hundred dollars, in the place of eighteen, and when the public treasury could better afford an occasional tax of this character, than it can under the present increased rate of salaries. There was then more reason and propriety in a Master's asking for and expecting a gratuity, than there is now that the liberality of the Board has added three hundred dollars to their income.

In our report upon the case of James O. Brown, we opened at some length our views in relation to the general principle of paying gratuities, and expressed our conviction, that it was both inexpedient and illegal for this Board to appropriate to other purposes the funds placed at its disposal to defray the necessary expenses of instruction in our Public Schools.

We deemed it inexpedient and impolitic, because it in no way advanced the interests or increased the success of our schools; because, if it is to be an acknowledged practice in our school system, there is no justice or propriety in confining the gifts of the Board to one class of teachers when they should be bestowed alike upon all who are deserving, whether of a higher or lower degree, whether male or female;

and, further, because, among teachers of the same relative rank, an unjust and unreasonable distinction has been created, in previous years, by granting this favor to some, and refusing it to others. Nov. 20. 1855.

We deemed it illegal because we believe that the whole authority which is given to this Board is simply to make a contract which shall bind the City to pay a definite and fixed salary for certain services which the teacher agrees to render, and that this Board has no power to expend or cause to be expended a mill from the City Treasury, except under those conditions and for that purpose.

Your Committee would very much regret to see the custom of giving gratuities again introduced as a part of the policy of this Board. We have reason to know that public sentiment is very strongly against it; that there are now waiting the action of the Board upon the subject, several applications of a like character, and that the door, once opened, will be crowded with earnest and anxious applicants.

In consideration of these views, and others expressed in our former reports, we would recommend that the order to pay Cornelius Walker the salary of his office up to the end of the current quarter be not adopted.

For the Committee, Henry F. Drake, Chairman.

Read and accepted, and the Order rejected.

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Salary of Abraham Inches

Report Com^e on Salaries

The Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred the Order to pay "a Quarter's salary additional to Abraham Andrews, formerly Master of the Bowdoin School", would Report:-

That Abraham Andrews has been in the service of this Board for many years. He has during that time, had the full approval of our predecessors and built up for himself an enviable reputation both as a worthy and upright man, and as a capable and successful instructor.

For much of that high character which our Boston Schools sustain, they are indebted to his influence and to his exertions; for much of that honorable distinction which they have won abroad they must acknowledge his assistance and his efforts.

Although we feel compelled to oppose the practice of paying gratuities, and, consequently, to oppose it in this present case, still it is no part of our wish or purpose to detract one iota from the merits of Mr. Andrews, or to disguise the value of those services which, through long years, he has rendered as an instructor in our Public Schools. We are free to acknowledge that if, in any case, it would be proper to overlook the great principle involved in granting a gratuity; if it were ever right to do that in a single instance, which is inexpedient as a practice; if it were ever justifiable for this Board to exceed the authority given to it by the law, the present is an instance when the temptation would be strong to "Wrest once

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the wrong."

With many pleasant associations the office which we hold, as members of this Board, has many unpleasing duties. It is painful to deny a situation in our schools to an anxious applicant whom we feel to be unworthy of the position; it is disagreeable to remove teachers who are not properly discharging the trusts committed to them; it is unpleasant, also, to adhere strictly to a uniform course of action in our financial relations to our teachers; but, all of these being necessarily associated with our position, we are often compelled to sacrifice sympathy to duty.

Whether the proposed gratuity be given as a reward, as a favor, or as a charity, we see no reason to justify it. If it be granted as reward, it is a tacit acknowledgement that the salaries now paid our masters are insufficient; that they are not fully remunerated for the services rendered. If so, then the remedy for the evil, if such exists, must be found in increasing the salaries, not in giving rewards to supply the deficiency.

If we are to take this step as a favor to the individual named in the order, we may very properly ask what reason or propriety there is in the appropriating of a sum of money to be disbursed as a favor, when this Board has the right to part with the funds under its control only upon the receipt of some equivalent.

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Now it is the duty of this Board, under the statute, to select the teachers and grant them such sums in money as might be deemed expedient, in the place of selecting and contracting with the teachers, there might be some impropriety in paying money to an individual who is not a teacher, on the ground that he had formerly rendered service, in which he had not been fully paid. But we believe that it is generally if not universally admitted that the relation, obtained by this Board with the teachers in its employ are those of parties under a contract — it being, clearly, the meaning of the statute that there shall be a fair contract existing between the parties, previous to the commencement of any service, and that the terms of that contract shall be a certain sum to be paid for the performance of certain duties.

In the case before us the contract formerly existing has been closed by mutual consent. Mr. Andrews has served the Board faithfully, and the Board has paid him liberally. The Order proposes that this Board cause him to be paid, although it now sustains towards him, in fact, no legal relations different from that it bears to any citizen, an amount of money for which no contract has been made, no service received.

It is the conviction of your Committee that neither the laws of the State, or common equity would justify such a step, and that it would be

both unwise and impolitic to take it. Nov. 20. 1855.

If charity is the plea upon which this gratuity is asked, we respectfully submit that the laws of the State, by providing for another Board whose peculiar province it is to dispense all charities, places it beyond either the duty or ability of this Board to interfere with that department.

We have endeavored to give this whole subject a candid, careful consideration, with an earnest desire to discover the most expedient course for the Board to pursue in view of its relations to its teachers, and a fair, equitable construction of its rights and duties under the statutes of the Commonwealth. Since our first report we have carefully reconsidered the points there brought forward, to discover whether the position we then assumed was all we believed it to be. The result has reassured our former conviction, and strengthened us in the opinions formerly expressed.

We therefore recommend that the Order to pay Abraham Andrews a quarter's salary additional be not adopted. For the Committee,

Henry A. Drake, Chairman.

Read and accepted, and the Order rejected.

Mr. Bates offered the following:— Whereas, The School for Special Instruction in Barnstable County has been gradually diminishing in numbers for the past two years, and the present

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attendance is only twenty seven, and similar schools in the neighborhood are comparatively small. Therefore, —

Ordered, That the said school be and the same is hereby discontinued; and that its pupils be transferred to similar schools situated in its vicinity, under the direction of the Sub Committee of said school. Read and passed.

Miss M. R. Baker's salary.

The Committee on Salaries would report in favor of the Order to pay the salary of Miss Maria R. Baker.

Report of Com^e on Salaries

Miss Baker, upon the First of December, will have been for six months an Assistant Teacher in the Chapman School. It has not been her wish, or that of the Committee, that she should be permanently appointed by the Board. They have, therefore, not nominated her. The object of the Order is that she may be able to draw the pay which will be due her at the close of her term of service.

For the Committee, Henry A. Drake, Chairman.

Read, accepted, and the Order passed.

Prim. School Teachers to be examined in Gram. School.

On motion of Dr. Lyman,

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing for the examination of all Primary school teachers who may hereafter be candidates for vacancies in the Grammar Schools.

On motion of Dr. Shurtleff. Nov. 20. 1855.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen, giving that Body official informa- Vacancies tion that vacancies in this Board have occurred as in the Board follows; viz. - One in Ward 6 by the resignation of Charles Thacher. - One in Ward 10 by the death of Henry Willard. One in Ward 12. by the resignation of Calvin Daman. Also, that a vacancy will occur in the delegation from Ward 5, at the close of the present year, caused by the resignation of Enoch Thurman; the same having been read and accepted.)

On motion of Mr. Bates, Report on more

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee appoint- male instruc^n ed to inquire whether the Boys' Schools need any ad- &c. to be printed. ditional male instruction and discipline be taken from the table, and printed for the use of this Board.

Mr. Hubbard presented a Aid for Miss communication, signed by Aurelius D. Parker, Enoch S. C. Moore; Hobart, Paul Adams, and others, representing that Comm^n from Miss Sarah C. Moore, for many years a teacher in the A. D. Parker and service of the City, is in circumstances of sickness and others destitution, induced by the extreme unhealthiness of the school-room provided for her; and asking aid from this Board in her behalf. After some discussion, the subject, on motion of Dr. Shurtleff, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Shurtleff, Brewster and Lyman, to take action there-

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on and report to this Board.

Bowdoin School to be closed for alterations.

On motion of Mr. Tenbury,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Bowdoin School District be authorized to close the Bowdoin School on Wednesday preceding the usual vacation of Thanksgiving week, in order to allow sufficient time to make the alterations in the School House, which have already been authorised by this Board.

Lippincott's Gazetteer.

Dr. Buck offered the following:-

Ordered, That a copy of Lippincott's Pronouncing Gazetteer be placed in each of the High and Grammar Schools in this city. Read, and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Nomination of teachers. Tower, Hanson, Hennick.

The following nominations were made of teachers on probation; viz, Jane S. Tower, Assistant in the Chapman School; Hannah L. Manson, teacher of a Primary School in the Lyman School District. Josephine F. Hennick, teacher of a Primary School in the Quincy School District.

Henry Willard. Resolutions on death of.

Dr. Rolfe, after some appropriate remarks, offered the following Resolutions relative to the death of Dr. Henry Willard, a member of this Board from Ward 10:-

Resolved, That this Board receive with deep sensibility the visitation of Providence, which has

removed, by a sudden death, an efficient and cherished member, Dr. Henry Willard. Nov. 20. 1855.

Resolved, That the suddenness of this dispensation speaks to each of us in a voice not to be mistaken, of the uncertainty of human life.

Resolved, That the best way to honor his memory is to imitate his example; and the surest means to secure like confidence and respect for ourselves is to emulate his virtue.

Resolved, That the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of this Board be tendered to the family of our deceased associate, with the hope that this affliction, overwhelming as it is, may be softened by the consideration that, during his life, he was ever a dutiful son, a kind brother, a tender husband, a loving and indulgent father; and that, up to the moment of his death, he was in the enjoyment of health and happiness, faithfully performing every duty to the last.

The Resolutions were read and unanimously adopted, and the Board then adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Eaton, Secretary.
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Jan. 2. 1856.

A Special Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Wednesday, Jan. 2nd 1856.

The President in the Chair.

Appointments. Mary F. Crane, teacher of a Primary School in the Quincy School District, and Rich^d F. Putnam, Usher in the Quincy School, were nominated as being on probation.

Confirmations. Upon nomination of their respective Committees the following teachers were confirmed, viz;

Sawyer, Duncan, Ellis, Chevallier, Spencer, Wason, McKendry, Lloyd, Spinelli, Bacon.

Patrick F. Sawyer, 1st Master, and Rebecca L. Duncan Assistant, in the Primary School.

Anna E. Ellis, Head Assistant in the Dwight School.

Lucy C. Chevallier, in a Primary School in the Eliot School District. Emily C. Spencer and Mary Jane Wason, in Primary Schools in the Hancock School District.

Ellen F. McKendry, Assistant in the Boylston School. Harriet C. Lloyd, and Caroline C. Spinelli, Assistants in the Girls' High and Normal School. Miss E. C. Bacon was nominated in the last-named School.

High School Instruction for Girls. Dr. Russell presented, in print, — see City Doc. — No. 67, — the Report of the Special Committee on the subject of "High School Instruction for Girls."

On motion of Dr. Connell, it was voted that the subject be referred to the next School Committee.

Transfer of a pupil. The Wm. Hickling School District Committee reported the transfer, in accordance with the rules of the Board, of a pupil from the Franklin to the

Winthrop School. The action of the Committees on the Franklin and Winthrop Districts, in making said transfer, was confirmed by the Board. — Jan. 2nd, 1856.

Upon the Order "to pay the teachers in the Grammar Department of the late Smith School a Quarter's Salary, in compensation for the disappointment of being thrown out of employment by the abolishment of said School," the Committee on Salaries would Report: — Report, Com. on Salaries extra Salaries to teachers of the Smith School.

We have taken time to carefully consider this case, because it has been urged upon us that these teachers have an unusual claim for a gratuity, not only on the ground of having been thrown out of employment, but that they also have a claim, which could be enforced in the Courts of Law, based upon the fact of their having been elected for one year, at our last annual election of teachers, which entitled them to employment and pay during the term for which they were elected - that is to say - for the full period of the contract into which they had entered with the City, and the City with them.

Upon the first reason, that being thrown out of employment constitutes a valid claim for some pecuniary remuneration, it is only necessary to remark that it is one which the Board cannot properly acknowledge. The salaries which this Board has paid to these teachers, have been, in proportion to the services rendered, more liberal than that given to

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any of the teachers in its employ; the expense of instructing a few colored children in the Smith School having been equal to that of educating the same number of students at Harvard University.

The mere fact that this liberal pay has ceased does not certainly constitute a just claim for its continuance, especially when these teachers were, by the act of the last Legislature in relation to separate schools for colored children, - aimed, as it evidently was, at the Smith School, - and by the generally expressed opinion that the school would be discontinued, fully warned that their services could not be much longer needed. The legal claim which has been urged is assumed to the provisions of the Statutes of the Commonwealth, in Chap. 32, 1854, which is as follows:- "The School Committee of any town is hereby authorized to dismiss from employment any teacher in such town, whenever the said Committee may think proper; and, from the time of such dismissal, such teacher shall receive no further compensation for services rendered in that capacity." - The City Charter also provides that the School Committee "may ... establish such instructions as they may deem proper, and remove the same whenever they consider it expedient."

By this it will be seen that the contract which exists between the Board and the teachers in its employ is one which this Board may terminate at any time it may deem expedient.

Your Committee, therefore, believing that no legal

claim exists in this case, and believing, also, that this Board has no right to recognize anything but a legal claim, would recommend that the Order to pay the teachers of the Grammar Department of the Smith School a quarters Salary, be not adopted. Jan. 2. 1856.

For the Committee, Henry A. Drake, Chairman.

Read, accepted, and the Order rejected.

The Committee on Salaries have had their attention drawn to the case of Miss Marion P. Learned, who served as teacher of the Primary School in East St. Place, from Oct. 22nd. to Dec. 1st. 1855, but was not nominated to this Board for confirmation. Report, Com. on Salaries: Miss Learned's Salary.

We would recommend the adoption of the following Order, to enable Miss Learned to draw the pay which is now due to her. — For the Committee,

Henry A. Drake, Chairman.

Ordered, That thirty-five and 62/100 dollars be paid to Marion P. Learned, for services rendered in the Quincy District, from Oct. 22nd. to Dec. 1st. 1855.

Read, accepted, and the Order adopted.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was refered an Order to enquire into the expediency of requiring an examination of Primary School teachers who may be candidates for vacancies in the Grammar Schools, respectfully submit the following Report: — "By the 17th Sec. of the 4th Chap. of the present Regulations of this Board, Report. Com^e on Rules and Regulations: Examination of Primary School teachers.

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it is now provided that "whenever any teacher, except a master, is, in the opinion of the District Committee, needed for any school under their charge, said Committee shall, before making the appointment, examine the person appointed on trial in the manner required by law." This regulation, your Committee understand, was intended to apply to the case in hand; and they can see no reason for distinguishing a candidate coming from a Primary School, from one coming from the Grammar School, or from another School in a neighboring town or city, with suitable testimonials.

In the selection of a teacher there should be no mistake in regard to her qualifications, and the object of an examination is to prevent them, and to ascertain, by personal enquiries, the peculiar fitness of the applicant, for the duty which she is to perform.

It has two fold significance and influence. While, on the one hand, it is intended to bar the door against all unsuitable candidates by holding up before them an ordeal through which they must pass, or be unsuccessful, it is, on the other hand, designed to have an influence on the Committee, and compel them to perform a personal duty by calling into exercise their individual judgments in every case, rather than to yield a meaningless assent for the sake of obliging an influential friend, it may be, interested associate. It is, moreover, both just and beneficial to the candidates themselves; and, by compelling all alike to submit to an impartial standard of comparison, it

holds up encouragement to the really deserving, and teaches all that real success depends not so much upon the influence and recommendations of friends, as upon personal merit and intelligence. Jan. 2. 1856.

Your Committee are therefore in favor of frequent, thorough and impartial personal examinations, as the method least liable to abuse and most likely to secure the services of well qualified teachers.

If it be said that the applicant coming from the Primary School must have been once examined by the Committee, the answer is that such examination was not made with any reference to her qualifications as a teacher in the Grammar Schools. – And, if it was, the question is, not what other people or a former Committee may have thought, but, what the Committee on whom the responsibility of making the appointment devolves think of the qualifications of the candidate; not what the applicant has at some time heretofore done, but, what she is at the time capable of doing. Your Committee are therefore of the opinion that, in all cases contemplated, the applicant should be required to submit to a personal examination, with especial reference to the place to be filled; – and, as they have reason to believe that the present regulation has not at all times been uniformly construed in practice, they recommend that the said 17th. section of the 4th. Chapter of the present Regulations be amended by adding, at the end of the first period, the following:

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Amendment of Rule adopted.

"And such examination shall be made with especial reference to the service to be required of such teacher, and shall be construed to apply in all cases where it is proposed to advance a teacher from one grade of School to another."

By the Committee,

Geo. W. Tuxbury, Chairman.

Read and accepted, and the amendment adopted.

Quincy School District. Quarterly Report for May 1855.

Dr. Connell presented the Quarterly Report of the Quincy School Dist. Committee for May last - the same having been recommitted at the last meeting of the Board. After considerable discussion Mr. Drake offered the following Order: -

Ordered, That the Quarterly Report of the Quincy District Committee be accepted, it being understood that this Board do not approve of the action of said District Committee in placing the children of the Intermediate Schools under the charge of a teacher of the Grammar Department. Read and passed.

Schools for Special Instruction

Dr. Connell then offered the following: - Ordered, That the Committee of the several Grammar Districts be authorized by this Board to establish Schools for Special Instruction, when they deem it advisable, in any District, under the general supervision of the Grammar School master, with as many female teachers as they think necessary; and that these schools, when so organized, be considered a part of the Grammar School in the District, or Grammar Schools to which

they respectively belong; and that the Rules and Regulations of this Board be so far altered as to comport with this arrangement. Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations. Jan. 2. 1856.

Text Books: "Grammar of Composition"

Mr. Skinner, Chairman of the Committee on Text-Books, read a report upon a book entitled a "Grammar of Composition," - recommending its introduction into the Schools, and, to that end, offered the following Order:-

Ordered, That the book entitled "Grammar of Composition" be a text-book for the First and Second Classes of our Grammar Schools. On motion of Dr. Russell, (of Ward 7) it was Voted to refer the subject to the next Board.

Miss Sarah E. Moore. Report, Com^te on her petition

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the petition in favor of Miss Sarah E. Moore, Report:- That the Committee conferred with the Committee of the City Council on Claims; and, finding no encouragement for relief in that quarter, and the case being one that could not be relieved by this Board, took such steps as seemed to them proper, by procuring the promise of a right to a free bed and free nursing in the Massachusetts General Hospital, and gave information to this effect to the person first named on the petition: and so the matter now stands. The Committee ask leave to make a further report at the next meeting of the Board.

For the Committee, Nath^l B. Shurtleff.

Geo. H. Lyman.

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Mather School District.

Laurence School District.

Dr. Thaxter offered the following Orders:- Ordered, That the School and District now known as the Mather School and District be, in future, called the Laurence School and District, and that the building now being erected for the use of the said Mather School be called the Laurence School House.

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to place a tablet upon the new building, in accordance with the above order. And said Orders were adopted.

Care of Primary School Houses.

A communication from the City Council, from which it appears that the request of the School Committee, in June last, has been complied with, in relation to the care of the Primary School Houses, &c, was read and placed on file.

Children of non-residents.

On motion of Dr. Palmer,

Ordered, That the opinion of the City Solicitor, and also the preamble and resolution in reference to the attendance of children of non-residents at the Boston Public Schools, adopted by this Board at its meeting in November last, be printed in connection with the votes, asking for information upon the same subject, passed at the same meeting; and that a copy of the document to constitute be sent to the masters of the Latin, English High, Girls' High and Normal School, and to each of

the masters of the Grammar Schools. | Jan. 2. 1856.

Communication from Dr. Shurtleff, | Spurr.

Ordered, That the sum of Three Hundred Dollars be paid to Mr. Oliver H. Spurr, for services rendered to the Board as Messenger during the past year. | pay of Messenger.

Mr. Howe offered the following; | Miss M. E. Station's Salary.

Ordered, That Miss Mary E. Station be paid at the usual rate, for services rendered in the Phillips School, as substitute, from Sept. 1st to Dec. 1st. —

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries, who considered the same and reported in favor of it's adoption; "the object of the Order being to enable Miss Station to draw the pay now due to her." | Com^ee on Salaries, Report.

And the Order was thereupon adopted.

Dr. Shurtleff presented the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools, which, on motion of Dr. Buck, was read by its title. | Sup't of Schools, Ann^l Report.

Mr. Hall of Ward 2 offered the following: - Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be presented to His Honor the Mayor, for the impartial and faithful manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this Board. | Thanks to the President.

Read, and passed unanimously. His Honor the Mayor made an appropriate reply, and the Board dissolved.

Attest: Edward Eipen, Secretary.

Medals awarded to Boys.

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Latin School.

Clinton A. Tilley
Francis Gray
William K. Hall
Francis C. Hopkinson
James M. Hubbard
Nathaniel B. Shurtleff Jr.

English High.

John T. Dixon
Leonard C. Alden
Charles J. Dunn
Charles E. Johnston
John Ritchie
William T. Vinen

Boylston.

Geo. F. Clough
Cornelius P. Drew
Daniel J. Kagan
John J. Loughlin
John B. Harvey.

Bunker.

Edward C. Moriarty
Charles A. Bean
Charles H. Porter
Daniel Cruit
William T. Green
Edward M. Simmons

Joseph E. Perkins
John T. Prince
George W. Mudge
George A. Eaton
Samuel B. Webb

Chapman.

C. Vincent McConologue
Joseph Chessman
Lucius Carver
Francis A. Griffin
P. William Conry
George A. York

Dwight.

James E. Bartlett
James E. Simpson
William H. Towne
Robert W. McNinch
Orlando H. Ayers
Frederick C. Porter
George T. Tenderson.
Hiram T. Rice.

Elliot.

Cornelius G. Bacon
John C. C. Bowen
Joseph P. Cahow
William Carew
Richard H. Davis

John S. English
William H. Foster
Lucius S. Hosea
Edwin A. Jennings
Lawrence Keany
Timothy Kelly
William G. McKown
Charles E. Stearns.

Hanover

Elisha S. James
George H. Dickson
George H. Austin
George B. Leonard
Charles C. Prior
Albert W. Mann
Alexander Baker

Lyman

George H. Tales
Charles H. Lunt
Grenville L. Love
Richard Hennessy.

Mattoon

Alfred C. Winton
Michael Barry
William J. Bullivan
George B. Cains

Mayhew.

William S. Barnes
Charles E. Cartwright
Abram S. English

Chester C. Jepson
Charles E. Young
H. Lewis Wilson
Charles E. Wilson
William P. Cabot

Phillips

William P. Woodbury
George F. Mann
Horace W. Cutler
David W. Murphy
Charles E. Hayden
Timothy Reed
William Washburn
Wentworth H. Langford
William H. Neal.

Quincy

Henry Clark Bowen
Edward C. Burrage
Edwin A. Bell
Samuel B. Capen
Charles H. Cook
Francis A. Davis
Joseph Davis
George Davis
Henry A. Fenn
Nathaniel P. Harris
David C. H. Higgins
George R. Jenkins
Joseph Sidney Whitcher
George Reed
Henry B. White.

Medals awarded to Girls.

Bigelow School

Jennie E. Chevington
[illegible] E. Lovejoy
Hannah A. Condon
Emily A. Russell
[illegible] Shaw
Josephine B. Chevington
Charlotte K. Pettingill

Bowdoin

Mary A. Bean
Letitia B. Blakemore
Emma W. Brewster
Mary F. Carter
Mary A. Hodgdon
Blanche Leavitt
Sarah J. Leet
Susan F. Stimpson
Jennie E. Stratton
Emma A. Temple

Boylston

Mary A. Devine
Mary A. Crowley
Emma F. Cragin
Susan C. McCarty
Sarah J. Morrill
Mary E. B. Cushing

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Chapman.

Susan E. Lovejoy
Elizabeth F. Thompson
Jennie E. Sewall
Mary E. Moore
Emily C. Lewis
Lydia M. Atkins.

Dwight.

Amy E. Foster
Fanny R. Whipple
Janet M. Crighton
Mary A. Rice
Lucy A. Tarbell.

Franklin

Rebecca B. W. Boardman
Maria L. Boyden
Josephine Dunn
Jane L. Dillaway
Mary M. Ellis
Orvilla Fisher
Mary E. Kingsbury
Caroline B. Rogerson
Susan M. Thaxter
Maria M. Willett.

Hancock

Abbie A. Cutter
Susan Litchfield
Emily F. Tewksbury.

Amelia H. Bell
Ellen O'Connell
Georgianna D. Russell
Josephine Maynard
Sarah J. Munroe
Anna L. Leonard
Harriet A. Cunningham
Ellen J. Eames
Emeline A. Flagg
Miss Emma Pettingill

Lyman

Sarah W. Pollard
Lydia B. Smith
Georgianna S. Pittman
Margaret McMahan
Eloise K. Barstow
Marietta Mayo
Laura M. Porter
Josephine E. Hamblin

Mather

Euphrena C. Hobart
Sarah E. Harding
Mary E. Finn
Mary L. Waters
Margaret A. Waters
Lucy L. Allen
Emma R. Hathaway

Wells

Mary A. Wood
Maria A. Rollins
Abby A. Reed
Mary E. Hagar
Susan C. French
Mary F. Jones
Lydia H. Emmons
Sarah W. Cunningham
Elizabeth F. Lothrop

Winthrop

Josephine M. Dillaway
Christiana G. Shelton
Emily A. Perkins
Caroline W. Marshall
Elizabeth Knott
Annie Gleason
Mary E. Scotchler
Fanny E. Barker
Elizabeth A. Belknap
Susan E. Gates
Maria A. Kilburn
Mary L. Munro
Caroline A. Priest
Minah J. Prescott
Henrietta C. Tripe

Jan. 14. 1856.

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, the fourteenth day of January, A.D. 1856, at half past four o'clock in the afternoon, by order of the Mayor, for the organization of the Board for the current municipal year.

Members of the former Board who retain their seats.

The members of the former Board who retain their seats this year are as follows:-

Ward 1. Ephraim Buck.
George Fabyan
Lyman B. Hanaford -
Isaac B. Mills -
2. James N. Sykes -
Marcus B. Leonard -
Rufus W. Clark -
Warren H. Cudworth -
3. Samuel A. Bradley -
Isaac H. Hazelton -
A. Wesley Mann -
Uriah K. Mayo -
4. Nath.l B. Shurtleff -
Ezra Palmer jr. -
S. K. Lothrop -
M. P. Stickney -
5. William Howe -
Frederick Emerson -
George Russell -

Ward 6. George W. Tuxbury -
Henry Upham -
Joshua G. Wilbur -
7. LeBaron Russell -
Robert W. Hooper -
Augustus A. Gould -
John Codman -
8. George H. Lyman -
John A. Hill -
Rufus Ellis -
J. D. S. Coolidge -
9. Otis A. Skinner -
Wm. W. Baker -
George Norton -
A. A. Ranney -
10. Wm. M. Cornell -
Samuel Holbrook -
Warren J. Gordon -

Ward 11. Norman E. Stevens - Ward 12. D. & B. Thatter Jr. - Jan. 14. 1856.
James A. Fox -
Charles W. Moore - Jasper H. York
Isiah Hall - Horace Smith -

All the foregoing members were present except Messrs. Emerson, Codman, Skinner, Holbrook, Hollis and York. — members absent.

In addition to the above the following newly elected members appeared and took their seats: — new members present.

Hon. Alexander H. Rice, Mayor, President of the Board;
Oliver Stevens Esq, President of the Common Council;

Ward 1. Alvin B. Hall - - Ward 7. Charles L. Kimmens - ✓
Alex[r] H. Vinton - ✓
2. Edwin Wright - ✓ 8. Samuel H. Bates - ✓
Thomas C. Simmons - ✓
3. C. L. G. Putnam - ✓ 9. William Beck - ✓
Daniel P. Simpson - ✓ John P. Putnam ✓
4. Francis E. Parker - ✓ 10. George M. Randall - ✓
Benjamin S. Shaw ✓ Enoch C. Rolfe - ✓
5. Henry A. Miles - ✓ 11. Arthur H. Poor - ✓
6. Chandler Robbins - ✓ 12. Henry J. Drake ✓
Charles S. Porter, — ✓

and Joseph L. Bates, ✓ in place of Enoch Plummer, resigned; Samuel J. M. Homer, ✓ in place of Henry Willard, deceased; and Thomas Davies, in place of Edwin Damon resigned.

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His Honor the Mayor having taken the chair,

The Reverend Rufus W. Clark opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary.

The Board then proceeded to vote for a Secretary; and, applications for said office from Frederic S. Hill and Tilson Fuller having been read, Messrs. Cornell, Drake and Stevens were appointed to receive, sort and count the votes, who having attended to that duty reported the results of four several ballotings as follows:-

First Ballot.	Whole number of votes	52	
	Necessary to a choice	27	
	Barnard Capen had	26	
	Frederic S. Hill "	15	
	Tilson Fuller "	10	
	George Eaton "	1.	No choice.
Second Ballot.	Whole number of votes	58	
	Necessary to a choice	30	
	Barnard Capen had	25	
	Tilson Fuller "	18	
	Frederic S. Hill "	13	
	George Eaton "	1	
	John Smith "	1	No choice

Third Ballot.	Whole number of votes		59	Jan. 14. 1856.
	Necessary to a choice		30	
	Barnard Capen had	25		
	Tilson Fuller "	20		
	Frederic S. Hill "	9		
	N. Bishop "	5.	no choice.	
Fourth Ballot.	Whole number of votes		60	
	Necessary to a choice		31	
	Barnard Capen had	26		
	Tilson Fuller "	22		
	Frederic S. Hill "	8		
	Nathan Bishop "	4.	no choice	

Whereupon, on motion of Rev. Dr. Lothrop, the election of a Secretary was postponed for two weeks, and Dr. Shurtleff was requested to act as Secretary pro tem. until an election shall be effected. — Election of Secretary postponed.

On motion of Mr. Ranney, — Rules & Regulations

Ordered, That the "Rules of the School Committee and Regulations of the Public Schools of the City of Boston", adopted by the last Board of School Committee, and in force at the end of the past year, be adopted by this Board until otherwise provided. — adopted.

Rev. Dr. Pykes, in behalf of the members of the School Committee residing in Ward Two, offered the following recommendations for the division of — Ward Two — School Districts divided.

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the Districts in said Ward, to take effect on and after the opening of the new School house: viz.

Chapman & Lyman Districts & New District.

That. The Chapman School District include that portion of East Boston lying North of a line running through Bimbal Square and Porter Street;

The Lyman School District include that portion lying North and West of the Railroad: and that. The new District include that portion lying Easterly of the Railroad. Read and adopted.

Standing Committees.

The President of the Board then announced the following Standing Committees for the year, and they were duly confirmed:-

On Elections — Messrs. Gordon, Bailey, Potts, Hanaford and Beck.

On Rules and Regulations — Messrs. Fox-bury, Ranney, Lothrop, Emerson & Homer.

On Salaries — Messrs. Drake, Baker, Fox, Palmer (of Ward 4) and Mavin.

On Accounts — Messrs. Baker, Shaw, Rolfe, Coolidge and Alley.

On Text-Books — Messrs. Parker, Crane, Codman, Brown and Russell (of Ward 7.)

On School-Houses — Messrs. Cowper, Hazelton, Shuttleff, Wilbur and (1 vacancy.)

On the Latin School — Messrs. Shuttleff, Parker, Codman, Wright and Poor.

On the English High School — Messrs. Lothrop, Gould, Vinton, Stevens, Mills.

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On the Girls' High and Normal School, — Messrs. Russell, (of Ward 7) Palmer, (of Ward 4) Bradbury, Lyman and Brewer.

Committees on the School Districts.

On the Bigelow, — Messrs. Thacher, Drake, York, Smith B. Porter and Dawes.

On the Bowdoin, — Messrs. Robbins, Upham, Shaw, Palmer, (of Ward 4) Wilbur, Tuttle, and Turtlett. (2 vacancies.)

Boylston, — Messrs. Vinton, Codman, Hammond, Gould, Lyman, Hooper, Russell, (Ward 7) Hanaford, Stickney and Robbins.

Brimmer, — Messrs. Skinner, Ramney, Norton, Gould, Alley, Putnam, Beck & Randall.

Chapman, — Messrs. Clark, Cudworth, Sykes, Leonard and Hill. (1 vacancy.)

Dwight, — Messrs. Stevens, Moore, Hall, Fox, Holbrook, Rolfe, Eaton and Poor. (1 vacancy)

Eliot, — Messrs. Fabyan, Buck, Hanaford, Mayo, Farley, Mills, Simpson, Palmer (of Ward 4) and Hall. (1 vacancy.)

Franklin, — Messrs. Randall, Moore, Stevens, Coolidge, Ellis, Rolfe, Norton, Eaton, and Poor.

Hancock, — Messrs. Buck, Parker, Farley, Mayo, Mills, Simpson, Palmer (of Ward 4) Fabyan and Bradbury. (1 vacancy.)

Hawes, — Messrs. Dawes, York, Drake, Smith, Porter and Hobbs.

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Lawrence — Messrs. York, Thaxter, Drake, Fox, Smith, Eaton, Porter, Connell, and Dawes.

Lyman — Messrs. Endicott, Clark, Leonard, Fabyan, Mills, Wright and Hill (2 vacancies)

Mayhew — Messrs. Simpson, Hazelton, Bradbury, Lothrop, Stickney, Howard and Marvin.

Phillips — Messrs. Howe, Upham, Russell (of Ward 5.) Shaw, and Bates (of Ward 5)

Quincy — Messrs. Connell, Ellis, Holbrook, Norton, Gordon, Bates, (of Ward 8) Coolidge, Randall, Homer and Beck.

Wells — Messrs. Emerson, Russell (of Ward 5.) Howe, Hazelton, Wilbur, Miles, Marvin, and Bates (of Ward 5.)

Winthrop — Messrs. Bates, Skinner, Lyman, Baker, Ranney, Gordon, Alley, Putnam, Homer and Brewer.

*See page 145.

Credentials referred.

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On motion of Mr. Ranney, the Committee on Elections were directed to receive and examine the credentials of the newly elected members of the Board.

Resignations of Messrs. Snelling, Thaxter & Stone.

Communications, received from Messrs. E. H. Snelling of Ward 1, and A. W. Thaxter jr., and Milton J. Stone, of Ward 6, severally declining to serve as members of the Board, were referred to the Committee on Elections.

A communication from the City Clerk, certifying that Messrs. Joseph L. Bates, Milton J. Stone, Samuel J. McHenry and Thomas Dawes have been elected members of the Board, to fill vacancies, was also referred to the Committee on Elections. Jan. 14. 1856. Certificate of City Clerk referred.

Adjourned to Tuesday, Jan. 29th, at four o'clock, P.M.

Attest:

Rud. T. B. Hewitt

Secretary pro tem.

Committee on the new School District in Ward 2, (accidentally omitted by the copyist in its proper place in the record.)- Messrs. Sykes, Lennard, Clark, Endworth, Hill and Wright.

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An adjourned Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 29th day of January, 1856, at four o'clock P. M. — The President in the Chair.

The Records of the last meeting were read by the Secretary pro tem. The Board then proceeded to the election of a Secretary.

Secretary S. S. C.

Papers recommending Mr. Frederick S. Hill and Mr. Tillson Fuller for that Office were read by the Chair. The Chair appointed Messrs. Brewer, Smith, and Bates (of Ward 5) a Committee to collect, assort and count the votes, who reported the result of the balloting as follows:-

Whole number of ballots	55
Necessary to a choice	28
Barnard Capen had	36
Tillson Fuller	4
Frederic S. Hill	11
Nathan Bishop	4
Blank	1

Mr. Capen was thereupon declared elected.

Mr. Hall appd. to Hancock Dist. Com.e

Upon the nomination of the Chair Mr. Edwin S. Hill was appointed upon the Hancock School District Committee.

Salary of Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Drake,

Voted, That the salary of the Secretary be the same as for

the last year.

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Com. on Elections:- Report.

The Committee on Elections respectfully Report: That they have examined the credentials presented by Messrs.

Enoch C. Rolfe, Geo. M. Randall, Edwin Wright,
Adino B. Hall, William Beck, T. M. Brewer,
Sam'l W. Bates, Chas. D. Homans, Alex'r H. Vinton,
Benjamin F. Shaw, Joseph L. Bates, Edwin A. Hill,
E. D. C. Palmer, Henry A. Drake, John P. Putnam,
H. A. Miles, Daniel P. Simpson, Charles F. Porter,
Sam'l F. M. Homer, Chandler Robbins, Arthur H. Fox,
Thomas Dawes, Francis E. Parker,

and find the same to be duly certified.

S. J. Gordon, Chairman.

Ditto.

The Committee on Elections, to whom were referred the resignations of Messrs. Baxter, Stone and Snelling, recommend the acceptance of the same, and the passage of the accompanying Order:-

Vacancies.— Board of Aldermen to be notified of.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Board of Aldermen that three vacancies exist in this Board; viz. two occasioned by the resignation of Messrs. Baxter and Stone, returned from Ward 6, and one occasioned by the resignation of Enoch H. Snelling returned from Ward One.

S. J. Gordon, Chairman.

Read, the resignations accepted, and the Order adopted.

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Rules and Regulations referred.

Dr. Russell of Ward 7) moved a reference of the Rules and Regulations to the Committee on that subject, and they were so referred.

Report of Committee on petition to Sarah C. Moore.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition in favor of Miss Sarah C. Moore, and who made a report in part at the last meeting (vide one) of the Board, Report:

That they have received from the City Council of the past year a sum of money satisfactory to the beneficiary, and that the same has been paid over to Miss Moore, who has, on her part, relinquished all her claim upon the city for damages in consequence of her sickness.

For the Committee,

Nath[l] B. Shurtleff,
Chairman.

Read and accepted.

Confirmation. Mary M. Clapp. Miss Mary M. Clapp was confirmed as Assistant in the Bowdoin School.

Adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen,
Secretary.

Feb. 5. 1856.

A Quarterly Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the fifth day of February, 1856, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Present

The President and the whole Board, except the President of the Common Council and Messrs. Sykes, Bradbury, Hazelton, Stickney, Palmer of Ward 4, Goodman, Vinton, Baker, Putnam, Holbrook, Gordon, Hobbs, Fox and Eaton.

Sykes. Lyman Dist. Committee.

The President appointed Mr. Sykes on the Lyman School Dist. Committee, and the appointment was confirmed by the Board.

Lyman & Putnam transferred. — Brimmer & Boylston Dist. Com'ts.

By request, the President transferred Mr. Lyman from the Boylston to the Brimmer School Dist. Committee, in place of Mr. Putnam, and transferred Mr. Putnam from the Brimmer to the Boylston Dist. Committee in place of Mr. Lyman. All of which was approved by the Board.

Quarterly Reports.

The Quarterly Reports on the examination and condition of all the Schools were read by the respective District Committees and were accepted by the Board.

On motion of Dr. Stevens,

Feb. 3. 1856.

Dwight School Dist.: Pim. School transferred to Franklin Dist.

Ordered, That the School formerly in Shawmut Avenue, taught by Mr. Brown, having been removed to a building in West Castle St. belonging to the city, be transferred from the care of the Dwight to the Franklin School District Committee.

Lectures to pupils of Latin, Eng. High & Girls High School.

Dr. Russell (of Ward 7) offered the following:— Ordered, That the Committees of the Latin, English High, and Girls' High and Normal School may procure Lectures to be given to the pupils of those Schools on such Subjects as may be advantageously studied without such aid; but, not more than three courses of Lectures shall be given at each School during any year; and the compensation to be paid shall, in no case exceed the sum of One Hundred dollars for each course. Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

New School-House in Ward 5.

On motion of Mr. Emerson, Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to consider the expediency of erecting a new school-house in Ward 5, and to make early report on the subject to this Board.

Substitutes: employment and pay of:

Dr. Beach offered the following:— Ordered, That, No substitute shall be employed in any Primary School for more than one day at one time who does not have the approbation of one or more of the Sub-

Committee of the School; or in any department of the Grammar Schools, who does not have the approbation of two or more of the District Committee,- the Chairman being one of them; and all substitutes shall receive, as compensation, at the rate of $6.75 for five days, or one school week, which is at the rate of $297.00 for a school year. Read and refered to the Committee on Rules and Regulations. Feb. 5. 1856.

Mr. Clark offered the following:- Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to place seats and desks in the lower rooms of the new Grammar School House in Ward 2, in accordance with the suggestion of the Superintendent of Public Schools. Read and, on motion of Mr. Bates (of Ward 8) refered to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers. New School House in Ward 2.- Seats & desks.

Dr. Buck offered the following:- Ordered, That all the pupils attending our public schools, who have no legal right there, shall be excluded by the Committees of the schools where they are in attendance. Read, and, on motion of Mr. Bates, (of Ward 8) Voted, That the Order of Dr. Buck be referred to a Special Committee of five, together with the whole subject of the attendance on our schools of non-resident children, to investigate the facts and report to this Board. The Chair appointed as that Committee, Messrs. Pupils illegally attending the public Schools. Special Committee to investigate attendance of non-resident children.

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Bates, Buck, Tuxbury, Emerson and Ramney. Mr. Emerson declined serving, and Mr. Parker was appointed in his stead.

Appropriations for Schools.

On motion of Dr. Russell (of Ward 7.)

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to prepare, and submit to the City Auditor, an estimate of the Appropriations required for the Public Schools for the next Financial year.

Miss Marion W. Atkins - pay for services.

Dr. Leonard offered the following:-

Ordered, that, Miss Marion W. Atkins be paid Seventy-five dollars for services as Substitute in Primary School No. 2 Paris St. from the First of ~~February~~ November to the First of February. Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Report Com. on Elections - Mannin.

The Committee on Elections would submit the following Report:- That they have received the credentials of J. R. Mannin, of Ward 5, and find that he is duly elected for the term of three years. For the Committee, N. W. Farley.

Read and accepted.

New School-house in Ward 6.

Mr. Tuxbury offered the following:-

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to take into consideration and report to this Board upon the expediency of building a new school-house in the sixth Ward. Read and passed.

On motion of Mr. Emerson, | Feb. 5. 1856.

Ordered, That the Committee, to whom is referred the Order relative to Non-resident children, be authorized to report a rule, conformable to the laws of the Commonwealth, prescribing what classes of children may be admitted, and what classes of children shall be excluded from the Schools. | New Rule to be reported as to admission & exclusion of children.

Dr. Thaxter offered the following:- | Bigelow District:- 3d Head-Assistant.

Ordered, That Mrs. Rachel C. Mather be appointed third Head Assistant in the Bigelow District. Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations. (on motion of Dr. Russell, of Ward 7.)

The following teaches were nominated for confirmation, viz,— | Confirmations.

Mary E. Page, Olive A. Leighton and Ellen L. Ashcroft, Assistants in the Grammar School, and Adeline M. Sheldon and Emeline L. Tolman, teaches in Primary Schools, in the Bigelow School District. | Page, Leighton, Ashcroft. Sheldon, Tolman.

E. Eloza Wason in the Bowdoin School District. | Wason.

Jane S. Tower, Assistant in the Chapman School. | Tower.

Georgianna Watts and Laura Bartlett, Assistants in the Hawes School. | Watts, Bartlett.

Hannah E. Merritt and Mary F. Dillaway, teaches in Primary Schools in the Lawrence District. | Merritt, Dillaway.

Elara W. Cushman and Lucy L. Nevins, Assistants in the Phillips School. | Cushman, Nevins.

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Julia C. Bird, Assistant in the Franklin School, and

Bird.

Hannah H. Gibbs, and Eliza T. C. Day, teachers of

Gibbs.

Primary Schools, in the Winthrop School District.

Day.

And the said teachers were all confirmed by the Board.

The following teachers were

Weston

nominated as being on probation, viz. —

Meyers.

Rebecca J. Weston in the Brimmer District, and Louisa Meyers in the Eliot District.

Adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen,

Secretary.

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A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, March 25th, 1856.-

Present,

The President and the whole Board, except Messrs. Baker, Brewer, Clark, Codman, Coolidge, Farley, Gordon, Hobbs, Howe, Mayo, Mills, Putnam, Shaw, Simpson, Smith, Stevens & Stickney.

Upham. Stockbridge. Day.

The Certificates of election, as members of this Board, were presented of Messrs. Jatez B. Upham and John C. Stockbridge, both of Ward 6, and Albert Day of Ward One, and referred to the Committee on Elections.

Non-residents in the Schools. Report. Special Committee.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Orders of Messrs. Buck and Emerson, concerning the attendance, at the public Schools, of Non-residents, respectfully Report:-

The rule of the Board respecting non-resident children, and which, substantially, has been in force since Eighteen hundred & forty nine, is in the following words:- "No child whose parent or guardian has not a legal residence in the city of Boston shall be admitted to a public school; nor shall any child, except by a special rule of this Board, be retained in any public school after said legal residence has been changed by the removal of the child's parents or guardian

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from the city. And the master of each school shall, at every quarterly examination, report to the chairman of his Committee, the names of all pupils in his school whose parents or guardian have not a legal residence in Boston. No child having only a temporary residence expressly for the purpose of attending a public school, shall be admitted therein." A strict construction of this rule would exclude from our schools all children whose parents or legal guardians do not reside within the city limits, including orphans, apprentices and children of non-residents whether temporarily or permanently residing with friends or relatives here, and prevent the attendance of children who are living with their parents in neighboring towns, providing their parents be the trouble to have appointed for them a legal guardian residing in Boston.

The chief object which this rule was framed to accomplish, your Committee are informed, was to prevent parties who have changed their residence from Boston for the purpose of avoiding their taxes, from receiving the benefits of our public schools. But it evidently is of more extensive application, and embraces more, than your Committee think judicious, and probably more than the laws of the Commonwealth will justify.

Undoubtedly, this rule would, before this time, have been repealed or essentially modified, had the Sub-

Committee on the different schools are considered as March 3, 1856.
having any validity, or, at least, such as to prevent them from putting upon it such interpretation as they pleased, and, consequently, from admitting to our schools (contrary to the express provisions of the rule of the Board) such children as they from time to time thought should be allowed to attend. Your Committee was not surprised, therefore, to find, by an examination of the schools, that there are over four hundred children attending our schools which this rule expressly excludes. Your Committee requested the Masters of the High, Latin and Grammar Schools to furnish them with a list of the pupils in their respective schools, whose parents did not reside in Boston, and to state, also, with whom such children did reside.

The returns show that there are attending these schools, one hundred and eleven children whose parents do not reside in Boston.

Of these, so far as we have been able to classify the somewhat imperfect statistics, some have no parents, others only one parent living; others have both parents living, but temporarily or permanently separated, as, for instance, a mother in Maine, and a father in California; - others whose parents live together but not in Boston, and whose children are living here without distinct reference to attending school; others whose parents reside out of

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the city, and whose children live here for the purpose of attending school; and others who reside here with their parents out of the city, who come in daily to our schools. Of the last two classes there are from forty to fifty children.

Your Committee have found much difficulty in determining upon a principle which, while it should preserve the city from imposition, should also substantially do justice to the many children actually in our city who have no funds that will educate them, and who, if deprived of the advantages of our schools, will grow up comparatively in ignorance.

Our school system is a State institution. By the theory of our government it is designed to occupy an important place, and to effect special results in administrative policy. A standing army by brute force keeps in subjection an uneducated rabble. Our school system affords to every individual a competent education, and dispenses with a standing army by civilizing the material which otherwise would make its existence necessary.

The statutes of the Commonwealth evidently contemplate that educational privileges should be as free as the air we breathe, and that every child within the State should have access to our public schools, freely, and unhampered by technical provisions of local Committees. And, though each

town is bound to support schools within its own March 28. 1856
limits, for the benefit of its legal inhabitants, and
cannot be made to provide for the education of
the children of the inhabitants of other towns,
yet their statutes are liberal in their spirit,
and indicate that the schools should be ac-
cessible to all children who are de facto living in a
town, notwithstanding their domicile and legal
residence is with their parents who reside else-
where. This appears from the provisions of the
Statutes of 1852, requiring every person who shall
have any child under his control between the ages
of eight and fourteen, to send such child to some
public school within the town or city in which
he resides: also the various statutes requiring man-
ufacturers to send children in their employ to
some public or private school; and also the
statutes respecting truant and vagrant children.

If parties may be legally compelled to send
these children to a public school, undoubtedly
the children cannot be excluded from attend-
ance by any rule of a School Committee.

Your Committee have met eight times to con-
sider this question, and, after a careful examination
of the whole subject, recommend that this Board
adopt only such a rule as shall exclude from
our schools those children whose legal residence
is without the city and who are actually living
without the city, and those whose legal resi-

March 25. 1856. dence in the city but who are themselves living here for the purpose of attending our schools. To this extent we think the Board will be clearly justified by law, and their action sustained by our citizens. By this rule most if not all objectionable cases will be excluded, and the city preserved from imposition. The chief difficulty will be to keep the rule enforced by the different Committees. If, with an express rule in point for years, there is found to be over four hundred violations by the neglect of Committees, it seems useless to adopt a rule without providing some way to see that it is practically carried out. But we think that the adoption of the Order annexed will accomplish the purpose wished.

New Rules. For the Committee, Sam'l H. Bates, Chairman.

Ordered:- No child not living in this city, or who has not only a temporary residence here for the purpose of attending our public schools, shall be admitted to attend them: (excepting, always, those for whom provision is made by an act of the Legislature passed March 24th, 1855.) and it shall be the duty of the several Committees on the Schools to see that this rule is strictly enforced.

Ordered:- The several Committees on the Schools shall, at the regular quarterly meetings, report the names of all children admitted to Schools under their charge, (excepting the Primary Schools) whose parents do not reside in the city, and the reasons of their ad-

missions. Ordered:- During the week preceding the quarterly Meetings in February and August, the Masters of the Public Schools shall make return to the Secretary of the Board of the names of those pupils belonging to their respective schools whose parents do not reside in the city, together with the dates of their respective admissions. March 23. 1856.

On motion of Mr. Wright the first of the above orders was amended by striking out, in the first line, the words "not living" and inserting, instead, the words "whose residence is not;" also by striking out, in the fourth line, the word "admitted", and inserting, instead, the word "permitted".

On motion of Mr. Emerson an amendment was adopted providing that these Orders shall take effect at the close of the current school year. The Orders, as amended, were unanimously adopted.

Mr. Hanaford submitted the following Report:- Two of the Committee on Elections have examined the Certificates of Jabez P. Upham, of Ward 6, John C. Stockbridge, also of Ward 6, and Albert Day, of Ward 1, and find them duly certified. For the Committee (signed) L. B. Hanaford. William Beck. Report of Com. on Elections.

Read and accepted.

Dr. York offered the following:- Ordered, That the City Council be requested to have such alterations made Matthew School House; alterations

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in the Mather School house, in the Fourteenth District, as will adapt it to the use of Primary Schools
Read, and referred to the Committee on School-Houses.

Report Com. on School Houses. New School Houses in Wards 5 and 6.

The Committee on School Houses, to whom were referred the Orders of Feb. 5th directing them to report upon the expediency of building a new school-house in Ward 5, and also one in Ward 6, beg leave to Report:- That they have attended to the subject, and find that there is no room in that section of the city to accommodate the scholars of both sexes, and that by altering, slightly, the Wells and Phillips School-houses, they may be made convenient and suitable.

In comparison with the new school houses now building & finished, and those that have been built within a few years, the school houses of an earlier date are not so convenient or economical in their arrangement; but the buildings in Wards 5 and 6 are too good to be taken down, and the expense of suitable alterations will not be great.

The Committee therefore recommend that the Phillips School house be altered by dividing two of the halls by a partition, and the whole house be put in repair and painted.

They advise a similar division of the rooms in the Wells School house, by which means it can accommodate nearly six hundred scholars.

The Committee are unanimously of the opinion

that it is not expedient to build new school-houses March 25. 1856.
either in Wards 5 or 6. For the Committee,
(Signed) R. W. Hooper.

Read and accepted.

Rep.t Com. on Salaries. M. W. Atkins.

The Committee on Salaries, to whom was refered the Order to pay Seventy-five dollars to Miss Maria W. Atkins, for services as teacher in the Primary School No. 2 Paris St, from Nov. 1st to Feb. 1st, would Report; that said Order should be adopted, as the amount named in the Order is justly due to Miss Atkins for services rendered. (signed) Henry A. Drake, T. R. Marvin, E. Palmer Jr.

Read, accepted, and the Order passed.

Locations of Primary Schools; change of.

Dr. Buck offered the following Order. That each School District Committee be authorized to change the location of any Primary School, or School for Special Instruction, under its charge, from one school house or from one school room to another, within its District, whenever, in its opinion, it shall be for the benefit or the convenience of the said School.

Read, and refered to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Chapman & Lyman Dist. Primary Schools.

Mr. Sykes offered the following Order:- Ordered, That those pupils in the Primary Schools connected with the Lyman and Chapman Districts, who are prepared for promotion to the Grammar Schools, be retained where they now

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are until such time as the new house may be opened for the reception of scholars.

Read and adopted.

Lippincott's Pronouncing Gazetteer.

Dr. Alley offered the following:-

Ordered: That a copy of Lippincott's Pronouncing Gazetteer be placed in each of the High and Grammar Schools of this city. Read and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Amendt. of Rules proposed:- "Com. on Public Instruction."

Mr. Wright offered the following:- Ordered: that Section 2nd. of Chapter 1st. of the Rules of the School Committee be amended by adding thereto as follows:- "7. a Committee on Public Instruction, consisting of five members:- and that Section 8th. of Chap. 4 of said Rules be incorporated with and made part of Section 7th. of said chapter, and that the following additional section be inserted:

"Sect. 8. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Public Instruction to supervise the arrangement of the studies, and classification of the pupils in the various Schools, the general course and modes of instruction therein pursued, and to take into consideration any suggestion or recommendation, in respect thereto, which may be made by the Superintendent of Public Schools, and all modes and propositions for improving the same; and report, from time to time, the result of their deliber-

tions, with their reasons for and against the same." March 25. 1856.

Read, and refered to the Committee on Rules and and Regulations.

The President made the following appointments on Standing Committees, and the same were confirmed by the Board; viz, Albert Day on the Eliot and Hancock School District Committees and on the Committee on School-Houses. J. B. Hepham, and J. C. Stockbridge upon the Phillips and upon the Bowdoin School District Committees. Appointments on Standing Committees.

On motion of Mr. Emerson, Ordered, That the several District Committees be instructed to ascertain, and to report at the next quarterly meeting, whether the rules of the Board limiting the hours of study; and providing that Scholars shall be relieved from confinement to their seats, at stated intervals, are duly observed in the Schools of their respective Districts. Rules of the Board. Ordinance of Masters and Teachers.

The following nominations of Teachers were made by the respective Committees; viz. Elizabeth A. Graves, teacher in Primary School No. 2 Bigelow School House, from March 1st. Sophia B. Horr, Assistant in the Bowdoin School. Susan A. Cunningham, Assistant in the Brimmer School. Cornelia A. Adams, in No. 6 Snelling Place, Eliot District, from March 19th. Teachers nominated. Graves. Horr. Cunningham. Adams.

c. March 25. 1856. Frances M. Bodge, Assistant in the Eliot School, commencing Dec. 1st, 1855.

Bodge, Frye. Elizabeth A. Frye, ex. 2 Harriet H. Hancock's District, commencing Jan. 15th.

Richards Chandler Louisa C. Richards, Assistant in the Lawrence School, commencing March 1st. Miss Chandler, Assistant in the Hancock School, commencing March 1st.

Towers Reader for Prim. Schools on Paris St. Mr. Endicott offered the following Order:- Ordered, That the Sub-Committee on Primary Schools located on Paris St, in the Lyman School District be authorized, with full powers, to supply the 5th and 6th Schools with Towers Primary School Reader.

No Quorum. It appearing, thereupon, that no quorum was present, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

May 6. 1856.

A Quarterly Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the fifth day of May, 1856, at five o'clock P. M.

Present,

The President, the President of the Common Council, and the other members of the Board except Messrs. Coolidge, Fox, Gordon, Hanaford, Hobbs, Homans, Homer, Howe, Leonard, Mayo, Moore, Palmer, (of Ward 3,) Porter, Putnam, Ranney, Russell, (of Ward 7,) Shaw and Smith.

Teachers confirmed.—

The following teachers, having served the usual term of probation, were confirmed; viz, James Reed, and William K. Dimmock, Ushers in the Latin School.

Reed.

Dimmock.

Hannah T. Bacon, Assistant in the Girls' Highland Normal School. Sophia B. Hon, Assistant in the Grammar School, and Catherine F. Parker, teacher of a Primary School, in the Bowdoin School District. Annette A. Webster in a Primary School in the Chapman District. Elizabeth K. Frye, in a Primary School in the Hancock District. Caroline F. Bunnell in a Primary School in the Hawes, and Hannah L. Manson in the Lyman District.

Bacon.

Hon.

Parker.

Webster.

Frye.

Bunnell.

Manson.

Teachers nominated.

The following teachers were nominated as being on probation; viz, F. Willis Bumstead, Usher in the Latin School.

Bumstead.

May 6. 1856. Knight. Tuttle. Swett. Beal. Atkins.

Ordered, That Sarah J. Knight, Assistant in the Boylston School, Charlotte E. Tuttle, Assistant in the Grammar School, and Elizabeth Swett in a Primary School, in the Dwight School District.

Mary J. W. Beal, Assistant in the Quincy School.

Marion H. Atkins in a Primary School in the Grammar School District.

Miss Beal's bill for services.

Dr. Connell offered the following:-

Ordered, That the accompanying bill of Miss M. J. W. Beal, for services rendered in the Quincy School, of $130.06, closing this day, as by bill, be paid.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Lippincott's Gazetteer. - Rep. Com. on Accounts.

The Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the order relative to Lippincott's Pronouncing Gazetteer, have considered the subject, and, after a careful examination of the work in question, would cordially recommend its adoption as a Book of reference in the Latin, English High, (Normal) and the several Grammar Schools in the city.

William W. Baker, Chairman.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to provide the English High School, the Latin School, the Girls' High and Normal School, and the several Grammar Schools of the city, with one copy, each, of Lippincott's Pronouncing Gazetteer, for the use of said Schools. The Report was

read and accepted, and the Order passed. May 6. 1856.

Dr. Hooper, Chairman of the Committee on School Houses, offered the following Report; — An Order, requesting the City Council to make alterations in the Mather School House, was read and referred by the Board to the Committee on School Houses, at their last Meeting. Your Committee beg leave to offer the following:- Report, Com: on School Houses. Alterations in Mather School House.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested, as soon as the Mather School House is vacated, to alter the building for the accommodation of Primary Schools in that District, according to a plan herewith submitted. Read, and the Order passed.

Dr. Stevens presented the Certificate of Election of George Eaton, as a member of this Board from Ward 11; and the same was referred to the Committee on Elections. Certificate of Election of Eaton.

Dr. Buck offered the following; Ordered, That a copy of Lossing's Field Book of the Revolution be furnished to each of the Grammar and High Schools in this city. Read, and referred to the Committee on Accounts. "Lossing's Field Book."

Mr. Clark offered the following; - Ordered, That a new Primary School be established in the Chapman District. Re Order Chapman Dist. New Primary School in: -

May 6. 1856 | was refered to the Committee on School Houses.

Lawrence District. New Primary School in. — (see below)

Dr. York offered the following:—
Ordered, That the Lawrence District Committee be authorized to establish a Primary School in their District. — Read and refered to the Committee on School Houses.

Rept. Com on Sch. Houses.

Dr. Hooper, Chairman of the Committee on School Houses, reported that the Committee had already had their attention called to the subject of each of the two Orders above refered to them, and that they recommend the adoption of the following Orders, viz —

Engine 4 District. — New Primary School in.

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to furnish one of the vacant School-rooms in Porter St. with seats and desks suitable for a new Primary School in the Engine 4 School District.

Lawrence District. — New Primary School in.

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to furnish a temporary School-room in the basement of the Phillips Church, (in the Lawrence School District) South Boston, for an intermediate School. — Both of which Orders were adopted.

Bigelow Dist.: new Primary School in.

Dr. Thaxter offered the following:—
Ordered, That the Bigelow District Committee be authorized to establish a new Primary School in the District under their charge. Read and refered to

the Committee on School Houses. — May 6. 1856.

The Quarterly Reports on the examination and condition of the Latin, & English High, and Normal Schools, the several Grammar Schools, and the Primary Schools in the several Districts, were presented by the respective Committees, and were accepted by the Board. — Quarterly Reports.

Ordered, That so much of the Quarterly Report of the Committee of the Bowdoin School District as relates to the subject of a new Primary School in said District be referred to the Standing Committee on School Houses. — Bowdoin District. — New Primary School in.

Resolved, That the Committee on School Houses be instructed to consider the expediency of removing the out-buildings in the school yard of the Boylston School, to an adjacent lot belonging to the city; and, if, in their judgement, it be desirable, that they take the necessary measures to carry this design into effect. — Out-Buildings of the Boylston School.

An Order, — "That the City Council be requested to erect a new Grammar School House, for the use of the Franklin School, on the lot situated on Hanson and Ringgold Streets," — was offered by the Franklin District Committee and referred to the Committee on School Houses. — Franklin School: — New building for.

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"Tower's First Reader" for Primary Schools in Lyman Dist't.

Mr. Endicott offered the following Order; Ordered, That Tower's First Reader be introduced into the Primary Schools on Davis Street in the Lyman School District, in place of My First School Book; - and made a motion to refer it to the Committee on Text-Books, with full powers. On motion of Dr. Palmer, (of Ward 4) the words "with full powers" were stricken out, and the motion to refer was adopted.

Desks for Primary Schools in Lyman District, and for all Primary School Rooms.

Mr. Endicott also offered the following Order; Ordered, That desks, or chairs with desks, be introduced, in place of the chairs at present used, into the Primary Schools on Davis St. in the Lyman District; - and moved its reference to the Committee on School Houses.

Dr. Hooper offered the following as a substitute for the above Order:- Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to furnish new School-rooms with seats and desks; and, as soon as possible, to substitute such seats and desks for the present objectionable chairs, in all the Primary Schools. On motion of Mr. Emerson the substitute offered by Dr. Hooper was referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Phillips School-Alterations in.

Mr. Upham presented the following Report of the Phillips School District Committee; -

"The Committee on School-

Houses having reported adversely to the erection of a May 6. 1856.
new house for the Grammar School for Ward
6, and said Committee having reported a plan for
the alteration of the building now in use, the Com-
mittee of the Phillips School District have carefully
examined that plan; and, finding that it would
render the house much more convenient for
School purposes, earnestly recommend that the
upper Hall be divided, in accordance with said
plan, by building a partition twenty five feet
from the Southern end; and that the smaller
room be furnished with single desks for the
accommodation of the First Class; - that the
lower Hall be divided in a similar manner; -
that the partition which separates the recita-
rooms, on the same floor, be removed; - that
the Primary School room on the first floor,
and the recitation rooms above it, on the second
and third floors, be warmed by a furnace,
and properly ventilated; also, that such general
repairs be made as the Committee on School-
Houses shall find necessary.

These alterations the District Committee con-
sider highly important for the interests of the
School; and recommend the passage of the
following Order.

By request, and in behalf of
the Committee,

(signed) Henry Upham."

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Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the alterations named in the foregoing Report, to be made during the next August vacation. Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Report, Com. on Rules and Regulations.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom were referred several propositions for specific alterations and additions to the Rules of the Board, together with existing Rules and Regulations for a general revision, respectfully report; - that every proposition so made has been carefully considered by them, and such changes as have been thought advisable, together with several alterations suggested by a general revision, are incorporated in the Printed Report, (City Doc. No. 37) which will be found upon the desks of the several members.

For the Committee, Geo. W. Tuxbury, Chairman.

Read, and accepted.

Com. on School Houses Report. New Primary Schools in Bigelow & Bowdoin Districts.

Dr. Cooper, Chairman of the Committee on School Houses, reported, for that Committee, the following Orders; viz;

Ordered, That a new Primary School be established in the Bigelow School District; and that the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to furnish a School-room.

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings

to request to provide a room suitable for a Primary School in the Bowdoin School District. May 6. 1856.

And the said Orders were adopted.

On motion of Dr. Lyman, voted to proceed to the election of a Superintendent of Public Schools. The Chair appointed Messrs. Lyman, Bates, 6th Ward, and Endicott a Committee to collect, assort, and count the votes. Superintendent of Schools elected.

The Committee attended to that duty and reported, that the whole number of votes was 43; that necessary for a choice 22; that Nathan Bishop had 30, and there were 13 scattering votes. Nathan Bishop was then declared elected.

On motion of Dr. Alley it was Ordered, That the salary of the Superintendent of Public Schools be fixed at twenty five hundred dollars for the ensuing year. Salary of Supt.

On motion of Dr. Hooper, Ordered, That the City Council be requested to warm and ventilate the new School House in Springfield Street by means of Furnaces and Ventilators warmed on the plan of those in the Winthrop School House; a plan which has proved itself highly satisfactory. New School House on Springfield St.; warming & ventilation of

Mr. Sykes offered the following Order:- Ordered, That the new School to be

May 6. 1856. New School in East Boston: Name for.

located on Belmont Square, East Boston, be named the Sumner School. Read, and, on motion of Mr. Wilbur, referred to Special Committee consisting of Messrs Wilbur, Sykes, Swan, Lyman and Cudworth.

Opening the new School in East Boston.- Arrangements for.

On motion of Mr. Sykes,-

Ordered,- That the subject of making all the necessary arrangements for opening the new School, including the transfer of pupils and teachers from the Chapman to the Lyman, and from the Lyman to the new School, be referred to a joint Committee consisting of the Committees of the new, Lyman and Chapman Districts; and that said Committee report their plan of re-arrangement, in full, to this Board, for their approval.

Voted to adjourn for one week from to-day.

Attest:

Samuel Capen, Secretary.

An adjourned Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, May 13th, A.D. 1856, at 4 o'clock P.M. — The President of the Common Council in the Chair. May 13. 1856.

Present,

The whole Board except Messrs. Baker, Bates (of Ward 5,) Bradbury, Clark, Codman, Coolidge, Dana, Fox, Hazelton, Hicks, Homans, Kenne Kent, Leonard, Mayo, Poor, Putnam, Ranney, Shurtleff, Stickney, Vinton, York and the President.

Upon the nomination of the Quincy School District Committee, Miss Sophronia F. Henick was assigned as teacher of a Primary School in East St. Place. Nomination: — Miss Henick.

The Committee on Elections respectfully report, that they have examined Credentials by Mr. George Eaton, returned to this Board, for a term of three years, from Ward 11; and find the same properly certified. On behalf of the Committee, S. J. Gordon, Chairman. Com. on Elections. — Credentials of George Eaton.

Read and accepted.

Upon the order to pay Miss M. F. W. Beal for one quarter and sixty seven days' service as an assistant teacher in the Quincy School, the Committee on Salaries would Report: — Miss Beal's Services. — Rep.t Com. on Salaries.

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That they find the claim to be a just one;- that Miss Beal having been regularly appointed and employed by the Quincy District Committee: We therefore recommend the adoption of the accompanying Order, that Miss Beal may obtain the salary now due to her. For the Committee,

George L. Drake, Chairman.

Ordered, That Miss E. H. Beal be paid the amount due her for one quarter and sixty seven days service in the Quincy District.

Read, and accepted, and the Order passed.

Seats and Desks for Primary Schools:- Report, Com. on Sch. Houses.

Dr. Hooper, Chairman of the Committee on School Houses, reported and recommended for adoption, the following Order;- the subject thereof having been referred to that Committee at the last Meeting of the Board;-

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to furnish new Primary School rooms with seats and desks; and, as soon as practicable, substitute such seats and desks for the present objectionable chairs in all the Primary School rooms.

And said Order was adopted.

New School in E. Boston: Name for.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of naming the new School House in East Boston, have considered the same, and respectfully recommend that it be called the Prescott School. For the Committee, J. G. Hitchie, Chairman.

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Read and accepted. The question then being on the adoption of the Report, Mr. Emerson moved to amend by substituting the name of Adams for that of Sumner. The motion to amend was adopted, and the Report of the Committee, as amended, was then adopted, - a motion made by Mr. Ellis, to reconsider the vote whereby the name of Adams was substituted, in the Report, for that of Sumner, having been decided in the negative.

Adams School.

The Committee on Text-Books, to whom is referred an Order, "That Towers First Reader be introduced into the Primary Schools on Paris St. in the Lyman School District, in place of "My First School Book," beg leave to Report; - That the Order ought not to pass, and for cause assigned, that it is the duty of the Book Committee, in the month of June next, to revise and re-arrange the text-books in all the Schools for the ensuing year; and that it is inexpedient to make any partial changes, and introduce a troublesome precedent when the inconvenience complained of can, if desired, be so soon remedied in regular course.

"Towers First Reader."

Rep.t Com. on Text Books.

For the Committee, F. E. Parker, Chairman.

Read, and accepted.

On motion of Dr. Russell (of Ward 7.) Voted, That the Committee on Text-Books be directed to consider the expediency of in-

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causing the Salaries of the Masters of the Latin, English High, and Girls High and Normal Schools; and to report, thereon, at the next Meeting of the Board.

Rules and Regulations considered.

On motion of Dr. Lyman the Rules of the School Committee and Regulations of the Public Schools, as reported by the Committee on Rules and Regulations, were taken up, and considered by Chapters. Chapters 1, 2, and 3 were adopted without amendment. Chapter 4 was adopted after sundry amendments to Sections 3, 18, and 20, and a recommitment of Section 14 to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

An amendment was made to Sect. 5, Chapter 5. It was also voted, that the Specification of the Salaries of the Masters be suspended, in a note at the bottom of the page.

No Quorum.

Thereupon, it appearing that there was no quorum present, the further consideration of Chapter 5 was suspended, and the Meeting dissolved.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

May 20. 1856.

A Special Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the 20th day of May, 1856, at 4 o'clock P.M. The President in the Chair.

The following named gentlemen were absent:— Messrs. Baker, Bates (of Ward 5.) Bates (of Ward 8.) Black, Bodman, Bowes, Bailey, Fox, Gordon, Hazeltine, Hill, Hobbs, Holbrook, Homans, Howe, Leonard, Lyman, Mills, Moore, Norton, Palmer (of Ward 3) Rea, Porter, Putnam, Ramsay, Russell (of Ward 5) Shaw, Shurtleff, Simpson, Skinner, Smith, Stickney, Sykes, Thayer, Tenney, Upham, J. Barker Upham, Vinton, Wright, York, and the President of the Common Council.

No Quorum.

The Board having been called to order, and no quorum appearing, Dr. Connell moved an adjournment; but the motion was decided in the negative. At 5 o'clock, no quorum having appeared, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Edward Capen, Secretary.

June 3. 1856

A Special Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, June 3d, 1856, at 4 o'clock P.M. — The President in the Chair.

Present,

members present

The whole Board, except Messrs. Clark, Codman, Eaton, Mellis, Gordon, Homer, Howe, Kilburn, Pool, Rotch, Russell, (of Ward 5) Shaw, Simpson, Stevens, Stickney, Kingsbury, Upham, York, and the President of the Common Council.

Rules & Regulations considered.

The Board resumed the consideration of the Report of the Committee to revise the Rules and Regulations. After various amendments to Chapters 5, 6, and 8, those and the remaining Chapters were severally adopted.

Mr. Tuxbury read the Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, on Sect. 14, Chap. 4, - which was recommitted to them at the meeting of May 13th. Said report was accepted. The Rules and Regulations reported by the Committee, were then adopted, as amended by the Board. (see City Doc. No. 37.)

adopted.

Quincy School House; warming & ventilation of.

Mr. Ellis offered the following Order: Ordered, That the Superintendent of School Buildings be requested to take such measures as shall be necessary for thoroughly warming the Quincy School House, and the School House in Hudson St.

Read and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the Rules and Regulations, this day adopted, be published, for the use of the Board. — June 3. 1856. Rules & Regns to be printed.

An Order, relative to alterations and additions in the Phillips School House, was referred to the Committee on School Houses. The Committee beg leave to offer the following Order. — Phillips School-House: — alterations and repairs in.

For the Committee, R. W. Hooper.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to alter and repair the Phillips School House, during the Summer vacation, according to the plan proposed by the Committee of that School District. — Report Com. on School-Houses.

Read, and the Order passed.

The President nominated Mr. Wright to fill a vacancy in the Chapman School District Committee; and the nomination was approved by the Board. — Chapman Dist. Com.: — Wright.

On motion of Mr. Bates of Ward 8, — School Section; —

Ordered, That a Committee of five be appointed to make the necessary and proper arrangements for the annual School Session. The following gentlemen were appointed as that Committee; viz. — Messrs. Shurtleff, Duke, Baker, Pudding & Wright. — Committee of Arrangements.

Mrs. Mary J. Bruce was confirmed as an Assistant in the Franklin School. — Franklin School: — Bruce.

June 3. 1856. The following teachers were nominated as on probation: viz.

Dillaway. Ruth S. Dillaway, in a Primary School in the Bigelow District.

Sayles. Gertrude Sayles and Augustine C. Cole, Assistants
Cole. in the Eliot School.

Thornton. Anne L. Thornton, in a Primary School in the Lawrence District.

Voted to adjourn.

Attest.

Bernard Capen, Secretary.

July 1. 1856.

A Special Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the first day of July, 1856, at Half past 4 o'clock P.M. The President in the Chair.

Present,

The whole Board except Messrs. Baker, Bradburn, Buck, Clark, Farley, Fox, Gordon, Hazelton, Hobbs, Holbrook, Lyman, Mayo, Mear, Putnam, Simpson, Skinner, Henry Upham, J. Baxter Upham, Vinton, York, and the President of the Common Council.

absent members

A communication from the Committee on Public Buildings relative to the expediency of selling the Primary School Estate in Franklin Street, was read and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Primary School estate in Franklin St.

A communication from Loring Lothrop, resigning the Office of Master of the Girls' Highland Normal School, was read by the Chair, and, on motion of Dr. Connell was accepted.

Girls' Highland Normal School. Master resigns.

Richard F. Putnam was confirmed as Usher in the Quincy School.

Putnam R.F. Quincy School.

Martha H. Hobbs was nominated as Assistant Teacher in the Dwight School, - services commencing May 8. 1856.

Hobbs. Dwight School

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Dwight Schl Dist. Committee to report

On motion of Dr. Stevens,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Dwight School District, and report to this Board, what action may be necessary to promote the highest interests of the Grammar Schools under their charge, in connection with the new Grammar School House in said District.

Miss L. M. Page. Service in the Dwight School

Dr. Stevens offered the following Order: Ordered, That Miss Emma M. Page be paid for 58 days' service as Assistant Teacher in the Dwight School. Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Joint Com^ee Report:- Opening the Adams School

The Joint Committee to whom was referred the business of making all the necessary arrangements for opening the Adams School have met and consulted at various times, but have been unable to come to an entire agreement upon all the changes which it will be necessary to make.

There is less necessity for this, since, in whatever relates to our present action, there is a general unanimity. - They therefore ask leave to present the following as their Report:-

In their opinion the transfer of pupils from one School to another, which it will be necessary to make, is already sufficiently provided for in the limits of the several Districts, which have been fixed upon in this Board, and which distribute the pupils nearly equally between the Chapman, Lyman and Adams Schools

Several verbal inaccuracies have crept into the definitions of those limits, to correct which, and make them easy to be understood, we propose to have them read thus:- July 1. 1856.

(1) That the Chapman District include that portion of Ward 2 lying North of a line commencing at the Mystic River and running Easterly through Central Square and Porter Street along its continuation to the Bay on the East. Limits of Chapman School District.

(2) That the Lyman District include that portion lying South of this line and West of the Rail Road. Limits of Lyman School District &

(3) That the Adams District include the remainder of the Ward. Adams School District.

You Committee expected that the new School House would be completed by the First of June, and we understood that we were appointed to provide for an emergency not contemplated in the Regulations. It was in view of this, and because every pupil in the Adams District is at present a member of this School, and because it is the very general and earnest wish of parents in that District, that their children might continue to enjoy his instructions, that a vote was passed, in the Joint Committee, requesting this Board to transfer the Principal of the Lyman, to the Adams School. The unexpected delay in completing the house has rendered any such action, on the part of this Board, unnecessary,

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and the entire subject will be brought up under the provisions made in the Regulations for the annual Election of Teaches. Any action of the Joint Committee, in the appointment of teachers would be unnecessary, and an unwarrantable interference with duties which are assigned to the entire Board.

They would also suggest that, so far as they can ascertain, the usage of this Board, hitherto, has been to refer the arangements for opening a new School-house, to the Committee of the District in which the house is located.

Respectfully submitted. -

James N. Sykes, Chairman.

Read and accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses: new school house for Franklin School.

The Committee on School Houses by leave to Report:- That the Order referred to them, respecting a new School House in the place of the present Franklin School House, has been attended to

Your Committee attended little to the arguments urged by the Committee of that School in favor of the plan.

It is believed by experienced persons whom they have consulted, that the sale of the present estate will be quite or nearly sufficient to pay for a new building; which, with the School House in Springfield St., would probably accommodate all the scholars South of Dover Street, and release to the City the present Lincoln School House, if it is thought desirable.

For the Committee,

R. W. Hooper, Chairman.

The Committee offered the following Order; -

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to build a new Franklin School House on the vacant lot on the corner of Waltham and Ringgold Streets. July 1. 1856.

The Report was accepted and the Order adopted.

Mr. Endicott offered the following Order:- Ordered, That a new Primary School be established in the Chapman School District. Read and referred to the Committee on School Houses,- who had previously examined the subject, and they accordingly reported the following Order: Ordered, That a new Primary School be established in the Chapman School District; and that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to put in order one of the vacant School rooms in Porter Street for its accommodation.- and the Order was adopted. Chapman School District. - New Primary School in.

The Committee on School-Houses reported the two following Orders;- both of which were adopted; viz,- Warming Apparatus in Quincy School House.

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to enlarge the Warming Apparatus of the Quincy School House.

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to put in complete order the Out-buildings of the Boylston School House. Out Buildings, Boylston School House.

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Error in Rules & Regulations.

Dr. Palmer of Ward 4 mentioned an error in Sect. 3, Chap. 8, of the printed Rules and Regulations, and moved that the Secretary be instructed to make the proper correction. On motion of Mr. Emerson the Rules were suspended and Dr. Palmer's motion was adopted.

Notice of Quarterly Meetings

On motion of Mr. Bates of Ward 8 Voted, That the Secretary of the Board, in the notices for the Quarterly Meetings, give also a minute of the subjects required by the Rules and Regulations to be reported upon.

Primary School House, Franklin St.

Dr. Hooper, of the Committee on School Houses, reported the following Order, which was read and adopted;-

Ordered, That the Primary School House in Franklin Street be released to the City, when three suitable School-rooms are provided for the accommodation of the Scholars, satisfactory to the Bowdoin School District Committee.

Report Com. on Salaries. "High School Master's Salaries"

Mr. Drake, Chairman of the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred the subject of increasing the Salaries of the Masters of the Latin, English and Girls' High and Normal Schools, stated that that Committee would probably be prepared to report at the next Meeting of the Board.

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The Chairman presented a communication from Dr. Horace G. Barnows, presenting to the Library of the English High School, 45 volumes of "Bohn's Classical Library" for the use of the teachers and pupils of that School. On motion of Dr. Bethop, Voted that the donation be accepted, and that the thanks of this Board be, and they are hereby presented to Dr. Horace Barnows for his very generous donation of 45 volumes of "Bohn's Classical Library," to the Library of the English High School, for the use of the Teachers and pupils of the School.

Library of the Eng. High School. Donation from Dr. Barnows.

Adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen,
Secretary.

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A Special Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, July 15th, 1856, at 4 o'clock P. M. The President in the Chair.

Present,

absent members. The whole Board except Messrs. Baker, Codman, Cornell, Fox, Kingston, Mellen, Horner, Lyman, Rev. Russell (of Ward 5.) Shackford, Vinton, York, and the President of the Common Council.

Resignation of Elly Williams jr. Winthrop School

A communication from Elly Williams jr. tendering his resignation of the office of Master of the Winthrop School, was read, and the resignation was accepted.

Foster nom'd.

Lucretia B. Foster was nominated as teacher of a Prim. School in the Chapman Dist.

Knight

Margaret A. Knight was nominated as an Assistant in the Brimmer School.

Sutton

Hannah M. Sutton, in the Phillips School.

Report of Com'tee Schools Dist. Com'n.

In accordance with an order passed to this Board the Committee on the Eight School Report. - That the District was organized in 1844; - G. B. Hyde, Master. It was reorganized in 1850; the sexes separated, and two distinct and separate schools organized, each with a master and separate corps of teachers, each accountable to the other in no way whatever.

At this time there were but about three hundred and fifty scholars; now, the records show a total of 760; - 455 boys, 305 girls. There are eighty pupils

in the Primary Schools, to whom certificates of admission have been granted; making it very certain, that, at the beginning of the next School-year, we shall have 600 Grammar School pupils. This District embraces all that part of Ward 11 South of Dover St. for boys, and all of said ward South of Malden Street, for girls, to Roxbury line. This District is increasing very rapidly in its population. There are, at the present time, more than 400 dwellings in process of construction, and this increase must continue for some time to come; this being the only part of the city proper that admits of much increase. July 15. 1856.

The Dwight School, at the present time is believed to have attained as high a degree of excellence as any School in the city; therefore, the Committee are unanimous in the opinion that no change should be made in its organization until such time as the Franklin School House shall be rebuilt on its new proposed site, — when it will be necessary to alter the boundaries of the Franklin District on the North, thus enabling the Franklin School House to accommodate all the girls South of it to Roxbury line, making the Springfield St. House a boys' School-house, and the Franklin, for girls. The Committee recommend the transfer of both Schools from their present quarters, — they having been reported by the Committee on School Houses, as being unsuitable for the purpose used, — to the commodious building

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on Springfield Street. The Committee would advise the retention of the Dwight School House for Primary Purposes, and for any purposes that might arise before the Franklin should be built; - one half of the House being needed at the present time for this purpose; the surrender of the school-house on Dedham St., the one on Worcester St. and the one on Northampton St. to the City Council; - they having been declared unfit for the purpose used.

N.C. Stevens, Chairman of the
District Committee.

Read, and accepted.

Report of Com. on Salaries. Salary of Miss Gage.

The Committee on Salaries would report in favor of the Order to pay Miss Laura M. Gage for fifty eight days' service in the Dwight School.

Miss Gage was regularly employed by the Dwight District Committee, but was never nominated to this Board, she having resigned after serving the number of days named in the Order.

For the Committee, Henry A. Drake.

Read, accepted, and the Order passed.

Report of Com. on Salaries. "Salaries of the Masters of Latin, Eng. High & Girls' High & Normal School."

Mr. Drake presented the Report of the Committee on Salaries upon the subject of increasing the salaries of the Masters of the Latin, English High and Girls' High and Normal Schools.

The Report was signed by Messrs. Henry A. Drake, William W. Baker and James A. Fox.

The Committee offered the following Orders:- July 15. 1856.

Ordered, That the salary of the Masters of the Latin, English High and Girls High and Normal Schools be established at $2400. for the first years service, with an increase of $100 for each additional years service, till the salary reaches $2800. per annum.

Ordered, That the above take effect from the First of March, 1857.

Dr. Palmer (of Ward 4) offered the following:- The undersigned, members of the Committee on Salaries, submit the following vote as a substitute for the vote closing the Report of the Majority of said Committee:- E. Palmer Jr. Minority Report.

T. R. Marvin.

Ordered, That it is inexpedient to raise the Salaries of the Masters of the Latin, English High, and Girls' High and Normal Schools, the present year.

On motion of Mr. Marvin, it was voted to lay upon the table and print the Report of the Committee on Salaries.

Dr. Fabyan offered the following Order: Ordered, That the Committee of the Eliot District be permitted to establish an additional Primary School in Knelling Place School House. New Primary School in Eliot District.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Ordered, That the Grammar Schools that now New Grammar

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occupy the Dwight School House to be transferred to the Grammar School House on Springfield Street, when the same shall have been completed and placed at the disposal of this Board.

Primary School accommodation in Dwight District.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Dwight School have leave to occupy so much of the Dwight School-House as may be necessary in the accommodation of a portion of the Primary Schools in said District; and that the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to furnish the necessary Seats &c.

New Primary School in Dwight District.

The following Order, offered by Dr. Stevens, was referred to the Committee on School Houses:- Ordered, That the Committee on the Dwight School District have leave to open a new Primary School in said District.

School House named.

On motion of Dr. Stevens,

Ordered, That the School House on Springfield St. be called the Webster School House. (This vote was afterwards reconsidered.)

Annual Election of Teachers.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop the Board then proceeded, in Secret Session, to the Annual Election of Teachers, with the following result for Masters;-

Latin School,	Francis Gardner.
English High School,	Thomas Thomson.

Bigelow School	Joseph Hale	July 15. 1856.
Bowdoin School	Daniel C. Brown	
Boylston	Charles Kimball	
Brimmer	Joshua Bates	
Dwight (for Boys)	James A. Page	
Dwight (for Girls)	George B. Hyde	
Eliot	William H. Seavey	
Franklin	Samuel L. Gould	
Hancock	George A. Nichols Jr.	
Hawes	Samuel Barrett	
Lawrence	Josiah A. Stearns	
Mayhew	Samuel Swan	
Phillips	James Hovey	
Quincy	Charles C. Valentine	
Wells	Reuben Swan Jr.	

Dr. Russell, Chairman of the Committee on the Girls High and Normal School stated the opinion of the Committee, that it is expedient that a master for that School be elected from the masters of the Grammar Schools; and nominated Mr. William H. Seavey, Master of the Eliot School, as a suitable candidate for the office. Thereupon, some discussion ensued; and Mr. Hanaford moved a suspension of all rules of the Board conflicting with the course proposed by the Committee. This motion was not adopted. It was finally Voted, on motion of Mr. Robbins, That the Secretary be directed to advertise for a Master of the Girls High and Normal School. Mastership of the Girls High and Normal School.

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in the papers which advertise in the City, for two weeks, in accordance with the rules of this Board.

Chapman and Lyman School Teachers

The Chapman and Lyman School District Committee reported that they had deferred recommending the Masters and other Grammar School teachers until the Board shall have decided who are to be the Masters of those Schools; - the establishment of the Adams School having necessitated a change in the present Grammar School Districts, and a transfer of pupils and teachers from one school to another, as well as the election of a new Master, or the transfer of one already employed by the City.

It was accordingly voted to lay upon the table the election of Masters of the Chapman and Lyman Schools.

On motion of Dr. Buck, -

Voted, that, when this Board adjourn, it adjourn for three weeks from this day, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Winthrop School Masterships

On motion of Mr. Bates, -

Voted, that the Secretary be directed to advertise for a master of the Winthrop School, in the newspapers in which the City advertises, for two weeks, in accordance with the Rules of this Board.

Adams School Masterships

On motion of Mr. Sykes, -

Ordered, That the Secretary be instructed to advertise, in two weeks, in the papers, for a Master

in the Adams School, according to the Regulations of this Board. July 15. 1856

The Board then proceeded to elect Subordinate Teachers for the Grammar and High Schools, and teachers of Primary Schools; — with the following result: — Election of Subordinate and Primary Teachers.

On motion of Dr. Shurtleff, Chairman of the Committee on the Latin School, it was Voted to lay upon the table the election of Subordinate teachers in the Latin School, as there are several vacancies existing in its corps of teachers. Latin.

English High School, Luther Robinson, First Sub Master, Charles McCurneton, Second Sub-Master, Luther W. Anderson and Ephraim Hunt, Ushers. Fred. D. Williams, Teacher of Drawing. G. De Fontenay, Teacher of French. English High.

Girls' High and Normal School, Caroline E. Johnson, Head Assistant. Mary A. Currier, Harriet E. Cayl, Caroline E. Spanell, Maria A. Bacon, Assistants. L. H. Southard, Teacher of Vocal Music. William F. Bartholomew, Teacher of Drawing. Jules Mahjoux, Teacher of French. Girls' High and Normal.

Bigelow School, Julia A. B. Baxter, Cathinka Tower, and Rachel C. Mather, Head Assistants. Martha E. Jenks, Elizabeth Williams, Lucy C. Pope, Olive C. Leighton and Ellen F. Ashcroft, Assistants. Caroline E. Pope, Teacher of Sewing. Ezra Dutch, Teacher of Vocal Music. Bigelow.

Teachers of Primary Primary.

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Bowdoin.

Schools in the Bigelow District. - Annie C. Cain, Lucy E. Jarvis, Eliza Ann Bacon, Clarinda H. Adams, Caroline L. Sheldon, Emeline L. Stimson, and Ruth S. Dillaway. Bowdoin School. James R. Dimon, Assistant Teacher of Writing. Lucy A. Hancock and Rebecca Lincoln, Undistricted. Lucy J. Robinson, Hannah Simmons, Elizabeth B. Mitchell, Mary Ann Smith, Cintha T. Palmer, Sarah K. Andrews, Hannah Proctor, Mary M. Clapp, and Sophia B. Hall, Assistants. Charles Butler, Teacher of Vocal Music.

Primary.

Teachers of Primary Schools in the Bowdoin District; - Lucy A. Clark, Anna T. Howe, Eliza Mason, Priscilla C. Sampson, Marianne Stephens, Frances R. Whitman, Lydia T. Woodward, Sarah Couching, Rebecca R. Thayer, Harriet F. Pike, and Caroline T. Pike.

Boylston

Boylston School. William T. Adams, Instructor; William P. Harding, Usher, Mary G. Clement, Head Assistant, Clarinda R. F. Treadwell, Ellen M. L. Treadwell, Hannah L. Hinton, Rosetta E. Hodges, Mary L. Smith, Caroline Leavitt, Sarah C. Hinton, Ellen M. Kendrigan and Sarah J. Knight, Assistants. Eliza T. Butler, Teacher of Sewing. Charles Butler, Teacher of Vocal Music. Teachers of Primary Schools in the Boylston District; - Maria A. Roach, Margaret F. Jeffries, Maria H. Parker, Eliza A. Ayres, Mary E. Thayer, Abby E. Parker, Emily Pearce, Eliza A. Curtis, Cecile Abel, Sarah T. Parsons, Adeline G. Edwards,

Primary.

A. E. K. Treadwell, Augustus H. Kinnaird, Olivia July 15, 1856.
C. Heard, Maria J. Colburn, Julia B. Leonard, Anna
M. Lecain, M. B. Cutler, L. B. Pratt. Brimmer Brimmer
School, Frederick A. Sawyer, Sub-Master, William
L. P. Boardman, Usher, Anna L. Gage, Head-
Assistant. Mary E. Beck, Mary M. Knight, Ellen
B. Cunningham, Augusta M. Lunan, Helene M. Briggs,
Rebecca L. Duncan, Susan P. Cunningham, Assistants.
(No election of a Teacher of Music.) Teachers of Primary Primary
Schools in the Brimmer District:- Elizabeth
Goodridge, Ellen F. Andrews, Sarah R. Bowles, Mary
B. Swett, Dorcas B. Baldwin, Deborah K. Burgess, M. Anna
Bonner, Cath. E. E. Richardson, Rebecca J. Weston, Su-
sanah C. Gillespie, Priscilla F. Swett, and Eliza C. Foster.
Chapman School. Election of Subordinate Teachers, Chapman.
laid upon the table, till the election of a Master
or of Masters of the School. Primary School Teachers Primary.
in the Chapman District:- Sarah F. Pratt, Susan C.
Macreading, Jane E. Beale, Louisa Curtis, Kate M.
Lincoln, Mary A. Smith, & Annette F. Wesley.
Dwight School for Boys. Anna C. Ellis, Head Assist- Dwight
ant. Lucretia F. Johnson, Catherine F. Dummett, Al- (Boys.)
mira M. Rhodes, Caroline L. Tyler, & Charlotte M. Fitts,
Assistants. L. H. Southard, Teacher of Vocal Music.
Dwight School for Girls. Eliza A. Manning, Head- Dwight
Assistant. Louisa Tucker, Susan C. Cross, Louisa (Girls.)
W. Cate, and Frances A. Keller, Assistants. Eleanor
L. Brown, Teacher of Sewing. L. H. Southard, Teacher
of Vocal Music. Primary Schools:- Eliza C. Gould, Primary.
Eliza G. Swett, Henrietta Draper, Ann J. Belden, Baker M. Warren,
Augusta A. Davis, Clara L. Gould, Eliza Kinnear, Mary F. Stone,

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Eliot

Primary

Franklin.

Primary

Hancock.

Eliot School. Samuel H. Gibson, Sub Master, Alfred Kimins Master. Abby A. Cook, Head Assistant. Eliza L. Felt, Sophia Shepard, Fanny R. Richardson Sarah S. Jones, Emily F. Hallock, Elizabeth C. Emery, Caroline F. Bennet, Anne E. Dyke, Frances H. Bodge, Gertrude Taylor, Angeline E. Cook Assistants. Charles Butler, Teacher of Vocal Music. Teachers of Primary Schools in the Eliot District. - Abigail S. Rich, Harriet S. Boody, Sarah E. Chevaillier, Louisa Hyers, Cornelia F. Adams, Susan F. Rice, Louisa Jewett, Lucy F. Keating, Eliza Brintnall, D. Isabella Jackson, Sarah Ripley, Maria A. Gibbs, Sarah E. Pierce, Helen M. Warner. Franklin School. — Catherine S. Simonds, Abby A. Johnson, Charlotte E. Kent, Head Assistants. Sarah F. Gale, Mary A. Mitchell, Elizabeth H. Bradbury, Elizabeth J. Brown, Mary J. Bruce, Clara E. Elkins, Assistants. Maria F. Wescott, Teacher of Sewing. L. H. Southard, Teacher of Vocal Music. Teachers of Primary Schools in the Franklin District. Jane F. Hobart, Susan M. Chapin, Abbie K. Swetser, Helen E. Eaton, Caroline J. Brown, Josephine C. Whipple, Ellen Wright, H. M. Tyson, Lucy M. Beck, Caroline A. Miller, Eliza Ann Tirrell, H. M. Partridge, Eliza J. Dyer. Hancock School. Phineas C. Simmons, Sub Master. Susan R. Hoyt, Head Assistant. Henrietta L. Pierce, Sarah E. White, M. R. Brigham, Sarah Burnes, E. Thurman, Mary F. Gale, Mary J. Tyson, Emily C. Spencer, and Angelina A. Brigham, Assistants. Mary A. Kay, Teacher of Sewing. L. H. Southard,

Teacher of Vocal Music. Teachers of Primary Schools in the Hancock District, Elizabeth F. Potter, Sarah H. Shepard, Sarah F. Ellis, Anne B. Vaux, Mary E. Keith, Emily A. Tewksbury, Elizabeth F. Frye, Margaret W. Hall, Emeline R. Turner, Harriet C. James, Cordelia H. Reed, Martha F. Brady, Mary B. Ellis, Anna E. Frye, Susan Page, Betsey L. Canedy, and Anna H. Burns. July 15. 1856.

Hancock Primary.

Hawes School. Charles A. Morrill, Sub-Master, Henry E. Harden, Usher, Mary E. Balch, Head Assistant. Martha A. Dearborn, Myra S. Butterfield, Georgianna Wells, and Laura Bartlett, Assistants. Ethel Drake, Teacher of Vocal Music. Teachers of Primary Schools in the Hawes District. Cynthia H. Sias, Caroline A. Morrill, Elizabeth F. Dodge, Mary H. Faxon, Elizabeth F. Kettell, Susan W. Smith.

Hawes.

Primary.

Lawrence School.- The election of Sub Master was laid upon the table. L. F. Bradley, Head Assistant. Lucy Floyd, Marguerite A. Moody, Alice Cooper, E. F. Jeffords, Mary J. Freeman, Alice H. Jeffords, Annie Ann Hale, Mary Jane Hinds, and Louisa E. Richards, Assistants. Sarah J. Bliss, Teacher of Sewing. Albert Drake, Teacher of Vocal Music. Teachers of Primary Schools in the Lawrence District. Lucinda Smith, Lucy B. Howard, Hannah E. Merritt, Mary E. Fox, Elizabeth E. Foote, Mary F. Dillaway, Harriet A. Horton, Mary A. Macnair, Rebecca H. Bird, Mary K. Davis, Susan F. Frost, Mary Lincoln, Sarah K. Clover.

Lawrence.

Primary.

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Lyman

Lyman School. - The election of Sub-Masters &c. was laid on the table till the election of a Master.

Primary.

Teachers of Primary Schools in the Lyman District: Susan H. C. Swan, Elizabeth Lincoln, Louisa Tutt, Susan L. Hill, Helen J. Stanley, Esther L. Rose, Hannah L. Hanson, Marion H. Atkins, Angeline A. Cudworth.

Mayhew.

Mayhew School. Robert Swan, Sub-Master, Quincy E. Dickerman Usher, Emily A. Moulton Head Assistant. Elizabeth L. West, Elizabeth P. Hopkins, J. H. Copeland, Adeline F. Cutler, Caroline H. Rice, and Helen H. Pearson, Assistants. Samuel Swan, Teacher of Vocal Music.

Primary.

Teachers of Primary Schools in the Mayhew District: E. H. Callender, Mary E. Parker, Permelia Stevens, Caroline Mason, Annie E. Clapp, Bethia Whiting, Harriet M. Mason, Harriet A. Farrow, Harriet L. Chester.

Phillips

Phillips School. Amphion Gates Sub-Master, John C. Collard, Usher. Helen S. Gibson, Head Assistant. Catherine F. Dow, Eliza F. Copeland, Clara W. Cushman, Eliza M. Harrington, Gertrude F. Brown, and Lucy F. Ferris, Assistants. Edwin Bruce, Teacher of Vocal Music. Teachers of Primary

Primary.

Schools in the Phillips District: - Mary A. Allen, Sarah F. M. Turner, Lydia F. Pope, Caroline F. Eastman, Abby A. Lincoln, Eliza A. Cornell, Sarah Ingalls, Harriet N. King, Ruth C. Fenton.

Quincy.

Quincy School. B. W. Putnam, Sub-Master, Antoinette Allen, and Richard F. Putnam, Ushers.

Josephine L. Tucker, Head Assistant. Lydia A. Hanson, E. Maria Simonds, Harriet D. Hinckley, Caroline D. Cotton, Emeline C. Vinton, Ada C. B. Beal, Angelina L. Moulton, Alice M. Page, Caroline A. Morris, Mary J. W. Beal. Charles Butler, Teacher of Vocal Music. July 15. 1856.

Teachers of Primary Schools in the Quincy District. Primary.

Sophronia A. Merrick, Hannah A. Lawrence, Helen Hackbridge, Lucy E. Haskell, Mary E. Crane, Charlotte L. Young, Elizabeth S. Emmons, Hannah E. Moore, Mary Williams, Caroline L. P. Tracy, Frances Tracy, Mary A. Hunt, Hannah L. Billings, Emily B. Peck & Harriet A. Dow.

Wells School. Wells.

William H. Swan, Sub-Master, Matilda A. Gerry, Head Assistant. Sarah J. Lothrop, Lydia A. Hayward, Maria E. Chase, Julia A. Spaneth, Mary A. Eaton, and Lydia J. Chandler. June C. Redford, Teacher of Sewing, Edwin Buck, Teacher of Vocal Music. Teachers of Primary Schools in the Wells Primary. District. - Mary L. Bailey, Anna A. James, Elizabeth W. Snow, Augusta H. Foster, Lucy C. A. Keeloting, Elmira R. Housley, Elizabeth J. Gale, Elizabeth S. Foster, Mary A. H. Cotting, Mary S. Watts.

Winthrop School:- Susan A. W. Loring, Rebecca P. Barry, Almira Paul, Martha E. Towne, Head Assistants. Elizabeth R. Briggs, Almira Symmes, Eliza J. Reed, Caroline A. Rogers, Mary Jane Dennith, Elizabeth Newell, Martha A. Cotton, L. Ellen Sprague, Julia E. Bird, and Hannah H. Hosmer, Assistants. Rebecca W. Bell, Teacher of Sewing. L. H. Southard, of Vocal Music. Winthrop.

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Primary.

Teachers of Primary Schools in the Winthrop District. Sarah C. Lewis, Mary F. Carter Brooks, Mary E. Parker, Mary Ann Welch, Anne C. Jones, Mary B. Bonner, Eliza F. C. Day, Harriet F. Bettis, Harriet F. Parker, Hannah M. Gibbs, Elizabeth C. Trinks.

Alterations in Wells School House.

Ordered: That the City Council be requested to make such alterations in the Wells Grammar School-House as have been recommended by the Committee on School Houses of this Board.

New Lawrence School House loans for pupils &c

Ordered: That the pupils composing the Lawrence School be transferred to the Lawrence School Building, when it shall be ready for their reception.

New Dwight School House named.

On motion of Mr. Emerson,

Voted to reconsider the vote whereby the Order was adopted, naming the new School-House on Springfield Street the Webster School. Dr. Lothrop moved to substitute, in the Order, the name of Dwight, for that of Webster, and the motion was adopted. The Order thus amended was then adopted.

The Board then adjourned, for three weeks.

Attest:

J. Barnard Capen, Secretary.

A Quarterly and an adjourned Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the fifth day of August, 1856, at 4 o'clock P.M. — Aug. 5. 1856

Present,

the whole Board, with the exception of Messrs. Bradbury, Coleman, Coolidge, Ellis, Fox, Hazelton, Hill, Holbrook, Homer, Lyman, Mervin, Mayo, Norton, Porter, Putnam, Randall, Ranney, Smith, Tuxbury, J. B. Upham, Vinton, York, the President of the Board, and the President of the Common Council. — Members absent.

In the absence of both of the constituted presiding officers of the Board, the Rev. Dr. Lothrop called the meeting to order, and appointed Messrs. Emerson, Buck, and Gould a Committee to collect, assort and count the votes for a President pro tempore. The gentlemen named attended to that duty, and reported that the whole number of ballots was 38; that the Rev. Dr. Lothrop had 33, and was accordingly elected. — President pro tem.

The Quarterly Reports on the examination, condition &c. of the Latin School, the English High School, the Girls' High and Normal School, the several Grammar Schools, and the Primary Schools in the several Districts, were presented by the respective Committees, and were accepted by the Board. — Quarterly Reports.

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Primary School rooms in East Street

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be instructed to examine the condition of the Primary School rooms in East Street, and report to this Board such Order as shall be necessary to ensure the needful repairs.

New Primary School in Dwight District.

Dr. Hooper, from the Committee on School Houses, reported the following Orders which were this adopted;-

Ordered, That a new Primary School be established in the Dwight School District.

New Primary School in Eliot Dist.

Ordered, That a new Primary School be established in the Eliot School District, and that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to furnish the vacant School-room in Building Place for that purpose.

Excursion

Mr. H. Upham offered the following:-

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish this Board with the means of making an excursion in Boston Harbor during the present month.

After various propositions to amend the Order, Mr. Wilkins moved to lay it upon the table; this motion was rejected. The question then being upon the Order it was rejected.

Neale

Dr. Buck nominated Mary E. Neale as an Assistant in the Hancock School, in place of E. F. McKay, resigned; service to commence on the first Monday of September next.

On motion of Mr. Emerson,

Voted to take up the unfinished business of the last meeting. Aug. 5. 1856.

The Board then went into secret session on the election of teachers.

The Committee for the examination of candidates for the Masterships of the Winthrop School respectfully Report:- Report of Com^e on Winthrop School Masterships.

The following eighteen gentlemen made application and were examined orally and by written questions, in accordance with the rules of this Board, viz. C. J. F. Allen, Jr., Edward P. Bates, D. H. Hoyt, Henry A. Littell, Daniel C. Mansfield, B. F. Morrison, G. F. Newcomb, James A. Page, J. H. C. Noyes, Fred^k A. Sawyer, Henry E. Sawyer, J. G. Lester, A. W. Sprague, Robert Swan, Nathan Upham, Frederic Vinton, Asa Wellington, and H. O. Whittemore.

Of all the candidates, except three to be hereafter mentioned, your Committee have thought it advisable to say nothing more than that some of them acquitted themselves with credit, but that none could justly compare, in the character of their examination, with the three to be named.

The Committee voted to recommend the following persons, in the order in which their names are given:- James A. Page, Robert Swan and Frederick A. Sawyer.

James A. Page is twenty nine years old, and has been engaged in teaching, in all, about eleven years;- having taught six months in Roxbury, and the remainder of the time in the Dwight School in this city;- first

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as Usher, then as Sub-Master, and finally as Master; which place he now holds. He is not a graduate of any college. He intends to make teaching his permanent profession.

Robert Swan is thirty-two years old, and has been engaged in teaching nearly eighteen years. He was two years Usher in Bunker Hill School, Charlestown; eight years Principal of Harvard School, in Charlestown, exclusively for girls, and nearly eight years Sub-Master of the Eighth School in this city, which place he now holds. He is not a graduate of any college. He intends to make teaching his permanent profession.

Frederick A. Sawyer is thirty three years old, and has been engaged in teaching about thirteen years in Maine and Massachusetts. He was elected Sub-Master of the Bowdoin School in August, 1855. — which place he now holds. He was graduated at Harvard University in 1844, and intends to make teaching his permanent profession.

The results of the examination of these three candidates did not differ materially, and your Committee recommend them with the belief that the choice of either of the three will ensure a faithful, competent and judicious Master for the Winthrop School. Mr. Page presented no testimonials, as his experience in teaching has been chiefly in this city, and its results are known to most of our members. The testimonials of Messrs. Swan and

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Sawyer are submitted as a part of this Report.

For the Committee,

Samuel W. Bates, Chairman.

Mr. Bates then read the testimonials of the three candidates named. Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, it was Voted to accept the Report, and to proceed to the election of a Master of the Winthrop School. The Chair appointed Messrs. Parker, Hansford and Shaw, a Committee to collect, assort and count the votes. The Committee reported; when it appeared that Robert Swan had the requisite number of votes; and he was accordingly declared to be elected.

Master of Winthrop School chosen.

Dr. Russell (of Ward 7) made a verbal report of the Committee to examine candidates for the Masterships of the Girls' High and Normal School:—

Report of Com.ee on Girls' High and Normal School Masterships.

That the examination of candidates was held according to the Rules of the Board. Three candidates presented themselves for examination. After a careful and thorough investigation the Committee voted to report the names of the Rev. E. E. Stearns and Mr. Frederick A. Sawyer, as those whose examinations were most satisfactory. A particular account was given of the qualifications of each of these gentlemen, so far as could be ascertained by the examination. The Report did not fully recommend either of the candidates as, in the opinion of the majority of the Committee, entirely competent to the place, but simply stated, in accordance with the rules,

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the names of the two applicants "in examinations were most satisfactory." Upon motion of Mr. Bates (of Ward 8) Voted to accept the Report of the Committee. A long the discussion ensued, resulting in the adoption of the following Order, offered by Mr. Clark:-

Ordered, That the Secretary give notice through the Papers in the employ of the City, that applications for the vacancy in the Girls' High and Normal School will be received, in accordance with the resolutions of this Board, on or before August 18th; and that the Secretary be further instructed to state in the papers, that only such persons will be recognized as candidates for the vacancy, as appear upon the Committee.

Com^tee on Annual Report.

The Chair appointed the following gentlemen as the Committee to make the Annual Report of the School Committee for the present year, viz, Messrs Culbreth, Hickson, Dennis, Coolidge, Gordon, Kanaford, and Bates of Ward 5.

On motion of Mr. Palmer of Ward 4,

Voted, that, when this Board adjourn, it be till Aug. 26th at 4 o'clock P. M. The Board then adjourned.

Attest.

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

An adjourned Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the 26th day of August, 1856. at 4 o'clock P.M. — The President of the Common Council in the Chair. Aug. 26. 1856.

Present, —

The whole Board, except Messrs. Bates, Bird 3d, Bradbury, Clark, Eveleth, Dawes, Dix, Ellis, Fairbanks, Gould, Holbrook, Lyman, Mowry, Mayo, Nelson, Pier, Putnam, Randall, Stockbridge, J.B. Upham, Henry Upham, Vinton, Wilkins, York, and the President.

A communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings, notifying this Board that the new Grammar School House on Sumner St. East Boston, is finished, and ready for occupancy, was read and ordered to be placed on file. New School House in E. Boston finished.

Upon nomination of the Committee on the Latin Schools, Charles J. Capen and William R. Dimmock were re-elected Ushers, and Fred'k D. Williams, teacher of Drawing, and C.C.P. Edes Contrachy, teacher of French, in that School. Edwin A. Giblens and Arthur D. Searle were nominated as Ushers, on probation, in the same School, in place of James Read and N.W. Bumstead, resigned. Latin School Subordinate teachers nominated and elected.

Dr. Fabyan nominated Susan M. Fisher, and Clarissa Davis, as Teachers of Primary Schools in the Fisher. Davis.

Sept. 26. 1856. Girl School. Dr. Brandt nominated this day.
Godale. Godale was appointed in the Primary School.

Rules amended.

Dr. Buck proposed an amendment to the Rules and Regulations, Sect. 21, Chap. 4, and moved a suspension of the Rules, to consider the same at the present time. The motion was adopted, and, after some alterations, the amendment passed, in the following words, to be added to said Section, viz. "and any teacher, of any grade, actually in the employ of the City, may be transferred by this Board, without re-examination, to any vacant place of the same grade in the City."

2nd Report. Com. on Girls' Eighth Grade Scholarship.

The Committee of Examination on Girls of the Eighth Grade Schools, respectfully Report:- That, the examination was held on Monday, Sept 15th. Six candidates were present; viz, Miss Josephine Hall Abbot, Miss Rebecca Bickford, Miss H. E. J. Bradburn, Miss Mehitable Dunn, Miss William H. Seavey, and Miss Edward J. Stearns.

Two of the candidates, Miss Tarbox and Miss Stearns, had not previously examined by your Committee.

The reputation of Miss Abbot, for scholarship, is well known; and the examination fully confirmed the impressions of the Committee in regard to her. The age of this candidate, however, - she being with three months of the dead-line of her age, would render it inexpedient to award to her this Scholarship.

The Three candidates whom, in the opinion of your Committee, best qualified to fill the proposed place, are Mr. Frederick A. Sawyer, Mr. Robert Bickford and Mr. Wm. H. Seavey. The merits of Mr. Sawyer are well known to the Board. He has a deservedly high reputation, and is undoubtedly qualified to a more important position than that which he at present holds, as Sub Master of the Brimmer School. August 26. 1856

Mr. Robert Bickford is a graduate of Harvard College. He is thirty two years of age, and has had ten years experience as a teacher. He was formerly Sub-Master of the Hancock School, and has been, for two years, Master of the High School for girls in Roxbury, where he is understood to have given great satisfaction. Mr. Bickford's examination was highly satisfactory to your Committee, and they have no doubt that he would prove a competent and successful teacher, if elected.

Mr. William H. Seavey is also well known to the Board as the successful Master of the Eliot School. Mr. Seavey is a graduate of Dartmouth College, of the Class of 1845. He is thirty three years of age, and has had ten years experience in teaching. Previously to his election to the Eliot School, he had taught in various High Schools and academies, for 6 years. He was for several years the principal instructor in the Teachers Institute of the State of Maine.

From the character established by Mr. Seavey, as

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Master of the Girls' School, and from his appearance at the examination, your Committee have no hesitation in recommending him as, on the whole, the candidate, in their opinion, best qualified, among those whom they have examined, for the charge of the Girls' High and Normal School. In the Committee,

L. B. Russell, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Ranney, the Report was re-committed, and, having been amended, so as to designate Mr. E. J. Stearns as one of the "four candidates who are, in the opinion of your Committee, best qualified for the proposed place", was accepted.

A motion, by Dr. Buck, that the Board proceed to elect a Master of the Girls' High and Normal School, was, on motion of Dr. Putnam, laid upon the table.

Report of Exam'g Com^ee for Master of Girls' School.

The members of the School Committee from Wards One, Two and Three, met in the Lyceum School House, the fourth inst. for the examining candidates for the office of Master of the Adams School. The following gentlemen presented themselves to be examined, - their credentials having been placed in the hands of the committee - viz. J. F. Blackinton, A. M. Haskell, A. H. Sprague, L. P. Frost, N. Upham, H. C. Whittemore, and F. Tinton. After a careful examination, conducted orally and in writing, the Committee proceeded to select a candidate; and, at the first ballot,

all the votes, except one, were cast for James A. Blackin- Aug. 26, 1856
ton, as their first choice, and, after several ballotings,
the name of Mr. H. C. Whittemore was selected to be pre-
sented to this Board, as their second choice.

Mr. Blackinton is 36 years of age, has taught 15
years, and has been in the employ of this Board,
as a teacher in the Lyman School, eight and a half
years. He studied at Brown University; and, in ad-
dition to the recommendations of former members of
this Board, presents those of the President and Pro-
fessors of Brown University, and also from the
School Committee at So. Reading.

Mr. Whittemore is 24 years of age; studied at Cam-
bridge; has taught three years, and brings satisfac-
tory recommendations from Harvard College, and
from places where he has taught. Respectfully
submitted,

James A. Sykes, Chairman of
the Examining Committee.

Voted, That, when this Board adjourn, it be to meet
to-morrow afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

Voted, on motion of Mr. Sykes, to proceed to elect a
Master of the Adams School. Mr. Bates moved a
reconsideration of this vote. Pending the discussion
upon Mr. Bates' motion, it appeared that there was
no quorum present, and the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary

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A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, by adjournment, at the City Hall, on Wednesday, the 2d day of August, 1856 at 4 o'clock P.M.

Present,

Members present

The whole Board, except Messrs. Baker, Bates of Ward 5, Bradbury, Partridge, Dwight, Ellis, Fairley, Holbrook, Lyman, Mills, Norton, Putnam, Randall, Russell, Ward 5, Skinner, Stockbridge, Tewksbury, J. B. Upham, Upton, Wilson, York, the President, and the President of the Common Council.

President pro tem.

In the absence of both of the Presiding Officers, Dr. Ezra Palmer Jr, the oldest member of the Board in attendance, called the meeting to order, and appointed a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Ranney and Goodnow, to collect, assort and count the votes for a President pro tem. The Committee attended to the duty assigned them, and reported the whole number of ballots to be 39; that Dr. Ezra Palmer Jr. had 30; and was accordingly elected.

Master of the Adams School elected

The Board then, in secret session, resumed the unfinished business of previous meetings; viz, the election of teachers. A motion to reconsider the vote passed at the last meeting, to go into an election of a Master of the Adams School, having been lost, the Chair appointed Messrs. Connell and Simpson a Committee to collect, assort, count and declare the votes. The Board balloted twice with-

out effecting a choice. A third ballot resulted in the election of Mr. H. H. Sinclair. Aug. 27. 1856.

The Board then voted to proceed to the election of a Master of the Lyman School, but afterwards voted to lay the subject on the table. Master of Lyman School.

On motion of Mr. Clark, Voted to proceed to the election of a Master of the Chapman School for Boys, and of the Chapman School for Girls, on the same ballot. Masters of the Chapman Schools for Girls elected.

The Committee to collect & count the votes, and declare the result, reported: when it appeared that Mr. P. W. Bartlett had the requisite number of votes for Master of the Chapman School for Girls, and he was accordingly declared elected. It also appeared that no choice had been effected of a Master of the Chapman School for Boys.

On nomination of the respective Committees subordinate teachers were elected in the Chapman and Lyman Schools, as follows:- Teachers elected.

Chapman School for Boys. Jane E. Gilbert, Head Assistant. Adeline E. Clapp, Julia F. Bate, Emma E. Morton, Elizabeth B. Dickason, and Sarah J. D'Arcy, Assistants. L. H. Southwick, Teacher of Vocal Music. Chapman School for Girls:- Jane S. Towne, Head Assistant. Lucy A. Higgins, Sarah B. Whitmore, Charlotte L. Stockwell, Helen E. Chapman School for Girls, and subordinate teachers.

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Caldwell, and Miss C. F. Pingry, Assistants. Miss A. Conley, Teacher of Sewing. L. K. Southard, Teacher of Vocal Music.

Lyman School Subordinate teachers

Lyman School.

James F. Blackinton, Sub-Master. Miss O. Bullard, and Miss Inga, Head Assistants. Emeline Hunt, Miss P. Boutelle, Eliza A. Higgins, Jane C. Hight, Cordelia Lothrop, Virginia Smith, Mary A. Turner, Amelia H. Pitman, Fanny E. Edmands, Eliza F. Russell, and Charlotte Conley, Assistants. Miss C. A. Pitcomb, Teacher of Sewing. L. K. Southard, Teacher of Vocal Music.

Organization of Chapman School.

On motion of Dr. Russell of Ward 7,

Voted, that the Chapman School be organized on the Second Plan of Schools. This motion, on motion of Dr. Robbins, was reconsidered, and it was

Ballot for Master of Chapman School for Boys

Voted to proceed to a ballot for the election of a Master of the Chapman School for Boys. Two ballotings were then had, without effecting any choice.

Master of Girls' High and Normal School elected.

On motion of Mr. Emerson,

Voted to take from the table the motion to proceed to an election of Master of the Girls' High and Normal School. Two ballotings were had, resulting, on the second ballot, in the election of Mr. William H. Seavey.

On motion of Dr. Buck,

Voted, That, when this Board adjourn, it adjourn to meet again on Friday next, at 11 o'clock A. M.

On motion of Dr. Tolman, Aug. 27, 1856.

Ordered, That the Secretary be requested to give notice, according to our Rules and Regulations, of an examination of applicants for the Masterships of the Eliot School; - the examination to be made on Wednesday, the 3d of September next, at 3 o'clock P. M., at the Eliot School House. Eliot School Masterships.

Dr. Russell nominated Miss Margaret A. Badger as an Assistant in the Girls' High and Normal School. Badger.

And the Board adjourned for want of a quorum.

Attest:

Barnard Capen,
Secretary.

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An adjourned meeting of the School Committee was held at the City Hall, on Friday, August the 29th. 1856, at 4 o'clock P. M. The President of the Common Council in the Chair.

Present, - the whole Board, except Messrs. Badney, Edman, Eveleth, Dawes, Ellis, Fenno, Gaston, Kittredge, Lyman, Mills, Norton, Putnam, Randall, Russell of Ward 5, Russell of Ward 7, Shaw, Skinner, Stockbridge, Sutton, J. B. Upham, Henry Upham, Vinton, Wilson, York, and the President.

Election of Master of the Chapman School for Boys

On motion of Mr. Clark, - Voted, to proceed to the election of a Master of the Chapman School for Boys. Mr. Bates of Ward 8 moved that the Rules be so suspended that Mr. James F. Blackinton may be considered a candidate for the office of Master of that School.

Upon this question the Chair ordered the yeas and nays, and the same were taken, as follows: -

Yeas. Messrs. Alley, Baker, Bates Jos. L., Bates Sam.l H., Brown, Buck, Endicott, Drake, Eaton, Fabyan, Fox, Hall, Hansford, Hobbs, Homans, Hooper, Howe, Leonard, Morrill, Mayo, Niles, Moore, Parker, Rahney, Robbins, Rolfe, Shurtleff, Simpson, Smith, Stickney, Sykes, and Thaxter. 32.

Nays. Messrs. Beck, Clark, Connell, Day, Emerson, Gould, Hazelton, Hill, Homer, Lothrop, Palmer Edw.d G., Palmer Eza. jr., Parr, Peters, Stevens A. C. and Wright. 16. So the

motion was not adopted; a vote of three-fourths being Aug. 29, 1856.
necessary for a suspension.

The Chair appointed a Committee to collect, count and declare the votes, viz. Master of the Chapman School for Boys. The Committee reported; when it appeared that Mr. John P. Veazie had the requisite number of votes, and he was accordingly declared elected.

Dr. Buck presented the petition of Samuel Tidgley of Chelsea, asking permission for his daughter to attend the Hancock School. A motion that said petition be granted was not adopted. Petition of S. Tidgley, of Chelsea.

On motion of Dr. Loring, East Boston
Voted, That Mr. Lincoln be transferred from the Masterships of the Adams School, to that of the Lyman School. - That Mr. Bartlett be transferred from the Mastership of the Chapman School for Girls, to that of the Adams School. Also Voted, That Sect. 13, Chap. III of the Rules be suspended; That the Chapman School be organized on the Second Plan; and, That Mr. Veazie be the Master of the School. Transfer of Masters. Rules suspended. Re-organization of Chapman School

Miss Martha H. Watts was nominated and confirmed an Assistant in the Dwight School for Boys. Mr. D. W. Hoyt was nominated and confirmed an Instructor in the Dwight School for Boys. Miss S. Titcomb was nominated a teacher of a new Prima- Watts. Hoyt. Titcomb.

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Salaries of Teachers. Dr. Palmer of Ward 4 moved that the salaries of all the teachers in the service of the City for the next school year be the same as for the year just terminating. Mr. Kanaga moved to amend the motion so as to provide that the salaries of the Masters in the Grammar Schools shall commence at $800, and increase at the rate of $100 per annum, up to $1000; and that the salaries of the Assistants in the Grammar Schools shall increase to $450. On motion of Wm. Eaton, the subject of Salaries was laid on the table.

On motion of Hon. Bates (of Ward 8.)
Voted, that, when the Board adjourn, it be till Tuesday next, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Report of Com^e on Text Books. Hon. Parker, Chairman of the Committee on Text-Books, read the Report of that Committee on "their annual examination of the course of studies prescribed for the Schools."

"Town's Primer." "Sargent's Primer." "My First Sch. Book." The Committee offered the following Orders:—
1. Ordered, That Town's Gradual Primer, Sargent's Standard Primer, or My First School Book, be the first Book of the First Class in the Primary Schools.

Hillard's First Class Reader. 2. Ordered, That Hillard's First Class Reader be the first Book in Reading, with the First Class in the Grammar Schools.

3. Ordered, That the "American First Class Book, Tower and Walker's Reader, be the Text Book, in Reading, with the Second Class in the Grammar Schools. — Aug. 29. 1866. "First Class Book." "Tower & Walker's Reader."

4. Ordered, That Sargent's Standard Third Reader be the Text Book, in Reading, with the Third Class in the Grammar Schools. — "Sargent's Standard Third Reader."

5. Ordered, That Swan's Primary Reader be substituted in the Girls' Grammar Schools, in place of Tower's Gradual Reader, and be the Text Book, in Reading, for the Fourth Class in the Grammar Schools. — "Swan's Primy Reader." "Tower's Grad. Reader."

6. Ordered, That Mitchell's Primary School Geography be substituted for Parley's First Book of History combined with Geography, in the Third Class of the Grammar Schools. — "Mitchell's Primy School Geography." "Parley's First Book of History combined &c."

7. Ordered, That Greene's Elements of English Grammar be substituted for Bullion's Analytical and Practical Grammar, wherever the latter is now used in the Schools. — "Greene's Elements &c." "Bullions Analytical &c. Grammar"

8. Ordered, That Swan's First Lessons in the History of the United States, be a permitted book in the Grammar Schools. — "Swans First Lessons in Hist. U.S."

On motion of Dr. Palmer of Ward 4. the Report was laid on the table and ordered to be printed. — Report to be printed.

Thereupon, it appearing that there was no quorum present, the Board adjourned.

Attest.

Bernard Capen,
Secretary.

Sept. 2. 1856.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, September 2nd, at 4 o'clock P. M. The President in the Chair.

Members attend.

Present,

The whole Board, except Messrs. Baker, Bradbury, Coolidge, Day, Ellis, Emerson, Hall, Holbrook, Howe, Seymour, Sleeper, Sutton, Tyler, Putnam, Randall, Robbins, Simpson, Stockbridge, Tyler, Tuxbury, Henry Upham, Vinton, Wight and York.

Salaries of Teachers.

On motion of Mr. Drake, Voted to consider the subject of the Salaries of the Teachers of the Public Schools, according to grade, commencing with the highest.

Salaries of Masters of the High Schools.

The Report of the Committee on Salaries, upon the subject of increasing the salaries of the Masters of the Latin, English High, and Girls' High and Normal Schools, made to the Board, July 15th, being City Document No. 33, was taken from the table.

Mr. Drake then offered the following, as a substitute for the Orders in the Report:-

Ordered, That the salary of the Masters of the Latin, the English High, and the Girls' High School be established at $2400 for the first year's service, with an increase of $100 for each additional year's service, till the salary reaches $2800 per annum; and that the Masters now connected with the Latin and English High Schools be paid $2800. Ordered, That the above

take effect from the First of March, 1857.

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Mr. Wilbur offered the following amendment, and the same was adopted; viz. "And that the salaries of the Primary School Teachers, and of the Female Assistants in the Grammar Schools be fixed at $300 for the first year, with an increase of fifty dollars per annum until they shall amount to $350. per annum". The question then being on the Order offered by Mr. Duke, as amended, Mr. Bates of Ward 8 moved that the Committee on Salaries be directed to consider the expediency of increasing the salaries of all the teachers of the Public Schools. On motion of Mr. Wilbur, this motion was laid on the table. Mr. Bates of Ward 8 then offered the following Order as a substitute for the amendment offered by Mr. Wilbur:-

Salaries of Primy School and assist^t Teachers

1. Ordered, That the salary of the Sub-Masters of the Latin and English High Schools, and the Masters of the Grammar Schools shall be $1100 for the first year, with an annual increase of $100, till it amounts to $2 100.

Salary of Sub-Masters in Latin & High Schools & of Masters of Grammar Schools.

2. Ordered, That the salary of the Ushers of the High Schools and of the Sub Masters of the Grammar Schools shall be $1200 for the first year with an annual increase of $100 till it amounts to $1400.*

Salary of Ushers in Latin & Eng. High Schools

3. Ordered, That the salary of the Ushers of the Grammar Schools shall be $800 for the first year with an annual increase of $100 till it amounts to $1000.

Salary of Ushers in Gram. Schools.

*Afterwards amended, so as to read $1600.

Sept. 2. 1856. Salaries of Assistants in Girls' High School.

Ordered, That the salary of the First Head Assistant in the Girls' High and Normal School shall be $600 per annum; and that the salary of the other Assistants in this School shall be $500 per annum.

Salaries of Assistants in Gram. Schools & of Primary Teachers.

Ordered, That the salary of the Head Assistants in the Grammar Schools shall be $500 per annum; and that the salary of the other Assistants in the Grammar Schools, and of the Teachers of the Primary Schools shall be $300 for the first year, with an annual increase of $50 till it amounts to $450.

The question was then taken on these Orders as a substitute for the amendment offered by Mr. Tilton, and they were adopted. A reconsideration was afterwards voted, and Order No. 2 was amended so as to read $1600 in place of $1400; and the Orders were again adopted.

The Order offered by Mr. Drake, as amended by the Orders offered by Mr. Bates, was then adopted.

Increase of Salaries to take effect March 1. 1857.

On motion of Mr. Drake,

Ordered, That the increase of salaries of the Teachers in the employ of this Board, which has this day been ordered, take effect on the First of March, 1857: and that, in estimating the salary of each teacher, his or her term of service be considered as dating from the time of their appointment.

Salaries fixed till Mar. 1. 1857.

Voted, That the salaries of the Teachers of the Grammar & Primary Schools remain until the 1st of March next, the same as for the past year.

On motion of Mr. Parker, | Sept. 2. 1856.
Voted to take from the table the Report of the Com- | Report
mittee on Text Books; - being City Document No. 55 (see p. 224) | Com^e. on
The Orders appended to the Report were then considered. | Text Books.
Order No. 1, appended to the Report, was amended so as
to read as follows:- Ordered, That Towers Gradual | Tower's Gradual
Primer, or Sargent's Standard Primer be the Text-Books | Primer, Sargent's
of the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Classes in the | Stand^d. Primer.
Primary Schools; - and was then adopted.
Order No. 2, was adopted without amendment.
Order No. 3 was amended so as to read as follows. -
Ordered, That Tower and Walker's Reader be the | Tower & Walker's
Text Book, in Reading, with the Second Class in the | Reader.
Grammar Schools; - and was then adopted.
The Report was then laid on the table.
On motion of Dr. Lothrop, Voted, That, when this Board adjourn, it be to meet on Friday next, at the usual hour. On motion of Mr. Bates of Ward 8, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

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An adjourned Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the fifth day of September, 1856, at 4 o'clock P.M. The President in the Chair.

Present.

Absent.

The whole Board except Messrs. Bates, Clark, Coolidge, Emerson, Holbrook, Homer, Mayo, Moore, Rice, Randall, Shaw, Stickney, Sykes, Vinton, Wright & Yale.

Transfer of Messrs. Lincoln & Bartlett.

Dr. Lothrop offered the following:—

Ordered, That Mr. H. H. Lincoln be transferred from the Lyman to the Adams School, to which he was elected on the 27th ult.; and that Mr. Percival W. Bartlett, elected to the Gulls' department of the Chapman School, and transferred to the Adams School, be transferred to the Lyman School.

This was ruled, by the Chair, to be out of order.

Dillo.

Dr. Lothrop then moved reconsideration of the vote passed Aug. 29th, whereby Mr. Lincoln was transferred from the Adams to the Lyman School, and Mr. Bartlett from the Chapman to the Adams School; and presented a petition of ninety three parents and others of the Adams School District, asking that Mr. Lincoln may be re-instated in the Adams School.

Petition

This motion was lost from a failure to suspend the Rules for the reconsideration, and the petition was

ordered to be placed on file. Sept. 5. 1856

On motion of Mr. Parker, Report of
Voted to take from the table the Report of the Com- Committee on
mittee on Text Books. Text Books.

Order No. 4, appended to the Report was adopted.
Order No. 5 was amended, on motion of Mr. Mills,
by substituting, therefor, the following Order.-

Ordered, That Tower's Gradual Reader be the Text Tower's Gradual
Book in Reading, for the Fourth Class in the Gram- Reader.
mar Schools;- which was adopted.
Order No. 6 was adopted. Order No. 7 was rejected.
Order No. 8 was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Bates of Ward 8, Choice of
Ordered, That, where two or more books are re- books when
quired to be used in the Schools, and the same, two or more
by the Rules, is left optional, the District Com- are required
mittees shall, respectively, determine which shall to be used.
be used in the Schools under their charge.

On motion of Mr. Bradbury, Eliot School.
Voted to go into an election of a Master of the Election of
Eliot School. Dr. Fabyan read the follow- Master.
ing Report:-

At a meeting called for the purpose of Report of
examining applicants for the Masterships of the Examining
Eliot School, according to our Rules and Regula- Committee.
tions, on Wednesday the 3d inst. eighteen gentle-
men were examined,- (see list of names appended

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to the Report,) many of whom would fill the office of Master in any Boston Grammar School, with much credit to themselves, - in the opinion of the Committee.

The Committee were unanimous in nominating Mr. Samuel W. Mason, the present Sub-Master, as their first choice. His examination was highly satisfactory, and the success with which he has, during the ~~past~~ present week, organized and conducted the School, the high estimation in which he is held by the community in the section of the city where the School is located, confirmed the Committee in their choice.

In accordance with our Rules we offer the name of Mr. Jere. Kimball as our 2nd choice, who is now the Principal of the Female Department of the High School in Lowell; and as our 3d choice, Mr. Fred. A. Warren, now Sub Master of the Primmer School in this city, - both of whom passed very satisfactory examinations.

Respectfully submitted.
George Fabyan, Chairman.

Master elected.

Read and accepted. The Chair appointed Messrs. Drake, Palmer & Ward 3, and Miss A. Committee to collect, count and declare the votes; who reported that Mr. Samuel W. Mason had the requisite number of votes. Mr. Mason was then declared elected.

Salary of Mr. Mason.

On motion of Dr. Buck, it was Voted, That the salary of Mr. Mason, Master of the

Eliot School, commence on Sept. 1st, - he having acted as Master from that date. Sept. 5. 1856.

Mr. Ranney moved a re-consideration of the vote whereby the Order was adopted fixing the Salaries of the Teachers for the ensuing year. A motion by the same gentleman, for a Suspension of the Rule which requires a majority of the whole Board for a reconsideration, if the motion be made at a subsequent meeting," was lost. The question on a reconsideration was taken by yeas and nays, as follows:- Salaries of Teachers. - motion for reconsideration.

Yeas. - Messrs. Alley, Bradbury, Brewer, Dawes, Day, Duke, Ellis, Farley, Gould, Hazelton, Hill, Hobbs, Homans, Hooper, Howe, Lothrop, Lyman, Mann, Palmer of Ward 3, Palmer of Ward 4, Ranney, Robbins, Simpson, Skinner, Sweetser, Winn, Upham, J. Butler Upham, Willis, and the President of the Common Council. 29.

Nays. - Messrs. Baker of Ward 5, Beck, Buck, Cassell, Endicott, Eaton, Kelyea, Lee, Mills, Norton, Parker, Russell of Ward 7, Shurtleff, and Stevens (N. C.) 14.

So the motion to reconsider was not adopted. Yeas and Nays.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop,

Ordered, That all persons who have lost the Franklin Medals originally awarded to them may, on their application, and at their own expense, be furnished with new ones. Franklin Medals to be furnished for original ones lost.

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Nominations of Teachers— Latin, Dwight, Lawrence, Mayhew, Quincy.

Mr. Edward J. Stearns was nominated as Sub Master in the Latin School, in place of Mr. John Tetlow resigned. Mr Bates was nominated as Usher in the Dwight School.

Henry C. Hardon was nominated as Sub Master in the Lawrence School.

Alfred Herring was nominated as Sub Master in the Mayhew School

Edward Gay was nominated as Usher in the Quincy School.

Salary of Sub Master of Latin School.

Dr. Shurtleff offered the following Order: Ordered, That, in consideration of the long experience of Mr. Edward J. Stearns in teaching, his salary as Sub Master of the Latin School be the maximum amount paid under the Rules. Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Thereupon the Meeting dissolved.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

A Special Meeting of the October 21. 1856.
School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, Oct. 21. 1856, at 4 o'clock P.M.

The President in the Chair.

Present,

The whole Board, except Messrs. Abbey, Bates of Ward 5, Brewer, Clark, Coolidge, Day, Emerson, Farley, Gordon, Hazelton, Hobbs, Holbrook, Homer, Leonard, Mayo, Norton, Palmer of Ward 3, Parr, Putnam, Randall, Ranney, Rolfe, Russell of Ward 5, Simpson, Stickney, Henry Upham, J. Baxter Upham, Vinton, and the President of the Common Council.

Absent members.

The Chair read a communication from Mr. Arthur H. Poor, tendering his resignation as a member of this Board; - the resignation to take effect at the close of the present Municipal year.

Resignation of Arthur H. Poor on the Board.

The Chair also read a communication from Mr. Nathan Bishop, presenting his resignation of the office of Superintendent of the Public Schools of this City, - the resignation to take effect at the close of the present Quarter, Nov. 30th.

N. Bishop, Supt. of Schools resigns

On motion of Mr. Endworth, Voted. That the resignation of Mr. Bishop be accepted, and the communication placed on file.

The Chair read a communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings, notifying this

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New School House on Springfield St. completed.

Board that the New School House on Springfield Street is completed and ready for occupancy; & the communication was placed on file.

Notice of vacancy to Board of Aldermen.

On motion of Mr. Bates of Ward 8,

Voted, That the Secretary give notice to the Board of Aldermen, that a vacancy exists in this Board, caused by the resignation of Mr. Poor, from Ward 11.

Miss Dudley & Mrs. Bush: - pay for services

Orders were offered, respectively, by Dr. Conolly in the payment of Miss M. E. Dudley, and by Rev. Mr. Tyler, for the payment of Mary F. Eisby, & Martha Buck, for services, as teachers in the employ of the City; and were referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Webster's Dictionary for the Schools.

Dr. Buck offered an Order to provide for making application to the Board of Education for 16 copies of Webster's Unabridged Quarto Dictionary for certain of the of the public schools.

After various motions to amend the Order, the subject was finally referred to the Committee on Text Books.

Com. of Sup't of Schools to nominate candidates for

On motion of Rev. Dr. Lothrop,

Ordered, That a Special Committee, consisting of the Chairman of each of the District Committees, and of the Chairmen of the Latin, English High, and the Girls' High and Normal School Committees,

be appointed to nominate to the Board the names of one or more persons as suitable candidates for the office of Superintendent of the Public Schools;—said nominations to be made at the Quarterly Meeting of the Board on the first Tuesday in November next; and that the vacancy about to occur in the office of Superintendent be filled by election at that meeting. Oct. 21. 1856.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, | Thanks to Orderd, That the thanks of this Board be presented to Nathan Bishop Esq. for the faithful and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of Superintendent of the Public Schools of the City of Boston. | Nathan Bishop late Sup't of Schools.

Mr. Adams moved the following:- | Adams & Lyman School Masterships.

Ordered, That Mr. H. H. Lincoln, Master of the Lyman School, and Mr. J. H. Bartlett, Master of the Adams School, exchange situations, and that Mr. Lincoln take the Mastership of the Adams School, and Mr. Bartlett take the Mastership of the Lyman School; and this exchange be made next Monday morning, Oct. 27th. Read, and, on motion of Mr. Parker, referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion, whether the action contemplated by the Order can be had. | Opinion of City Solicitor to be obtained.

The Committee on Text-Books by their Report:- That the Publishers | Report, Common Text Books.

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Sargents Standard Third Reader, & Sargents Standard Primer directed to comply with the 6th rule of Chapter IV, & they are not to be used in the Public Schools.

Sargents Readers.

The Committee, in order to obviate the inconvenience resulting from this circumstance, propose an order, appended to this report.

And, as a matter of personal explanation, they wish to say, that, as the Publishers offered these books for introduction to the schools, in repeated interviews with the Chairman of the Sub Committee, and, with a full knowledge of the rule, expressed no dissent from it, the first conclusion from which was that they assented to it. And the subsequent course of the Publishers was, to the Committee, a subject of surprise and regret. For the Committee,

F. E. Parker, Chairman.

"My First School Book."

Ordered, That "My First School Book" be introduced into the Primary Schools and Spelling Book.

Read, accepted, and the Order passed.

Dwight Dist'c;- New Primary School in.

The following Orders, - viz;

Ordered, That the Dwight District Committee have leave to organize a new (Primary) School in that District.

Phillips Dist'c;- New Primary School in.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Phillips District be authorized to establish a new Primary School in the District under their charge, to be located in Charles Street.

Ordered, That a new Primary School be formed in the Adams District; and that the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to furnish room for its accommodation in the Adams School House:— and severally referred to the Committee on School Houses. Oct. 21, 1856. Adams District: New Primary School in. (see below)

Dr. Palmer of Ward 4 moved a suspension of Section 7, Chap. III: which motion was laid on the table. Suspension of a Rule.

Dr. Cooper from the Committee on School Houses, reported the following Orders, — the subjects having been referred to them at the last meeting, — and the same were adopted, viz:— Report Com^e on School Houses.

Ordered, That a new Primary School be established in the Adams School District; and that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to furnish one of the vacant rooms in the basement of the Adams School House for that purpose. Adams District: New Primary School in.

Ordered, That a new Primary School be established in the Phillips School District; and that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to furnish a School-room in Chandler Street for that purpose. Phillips Dist^t. New Primary School in.

On motion of Dr. Connell a Special Committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Connell, Bates of Ward 8, Parker, Bishop, and Shinnen, to consider the subject of the supervision of Schools in Special Instruction. Supervision of Schools in Special Instruction.

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Meeting of Dist. Com. of two members may call.

Mr. Wilbur offered the following:-

Ordered, That, in the absence of the Chairman of any District Committee, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of this Board to call a meeting of said District Committee, on the written request of any two members.

Quarterly Meeting postponed

On motion of Mr. Mills, it was

Voted, under a suspension of the Rules, That the next quarterly meeting of this Board be held on the Second Tuesday in November.

Appointments.

Tower

Hewins

Chipp.

Hopkins

Cook

Hunt

Wilmarth

Clark

Towne

Wheelright

Crowell

Johnson

Bailey

The following teachers were nominated to the Board as being on probation, viz.—

Dana S. Tower, and Abram P. Hewins, Head Assistants in the Adams School.

Lewis B. Chipp and Isabella Hopkins, in Primary Schools in the Boylston District.

Lauria L. Cook, Sub-Master, and Lucian Hunt, Usher, in the Eliot School.

Miss Frances Wilmarth, Assistant in the Hancock School.

William L. Clark, Usher, and Lucy R. Lloyd, Assistant, in the Hawes School.

Kate Towne, Assistant in the Lawrence School.

Louis Wheelright and Caroline M. Crowell, in Primary Schools in the Quincy District.

Priscilla Johnson and Elizabeth L. Bailey, in Primary Schools in the Winthrop District.

On nomination of their respective Committees the following teachers were confirmed; viz.,

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Ruth S. Dillaway, in a Primary School in the Bigelow-School District.

Dillaway

Angeline M. Cole and Gertrude Taylor, assistants in the Eliot School.

Cole. Taylor.

Adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen,

Secretary.

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A Quarterly Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, Nov. 11. 1856. at 4 o'clock P.M.

Present

The whole Board, except Messrs. Baker, Drake, Eaton, Putnam, Rev. Hazelton, Hobbs, Holbrook, Howe, Hoyt, Peter, Putnam, Robbins, Stickney, Stockbridge, Henry Upham, J. Baxter Upham, Vinton, Wilder, the President of the Board, and the President of the Common Council.

In the absence of both of the presiding officers of the Board, Dr. Palmer of Ward 4 called the meeting to order, and appointed Messrs. Codman, Lyman and Hall a committee to collect, count, and declare the votes for a Chairman.

The Board then balloted, but without effecting a choice. A second ballot resulted in the choice of Rev. Dr. Lothrop.

Opinion of City Solicitor

The Chair read the Opinion of the City Solicitor (as on file) upon the question submitted to him at the last meeting of the Board; showing "that it is competent for the Committee to take the action indicated in the Order under examination."

Henry A. Drake resigns on the Board.

The Chair also read a communication from Mr. Henry A. Drake, resigning his place as a member of this Board; the resignation to take effect at the close of the present municipal year.

Also, a communication from Rev. Hubbard Winslow, offering to the Board his services as Superintendent of the Public Schools. Nov. 11. 1856. H. Winslow.

The following teachers were nominated as being on probation, viz,— Nominations.

William Kinne, Usher in the Latin School. Kinne.

Robert C. Metcalf, Sub Master in the Adams School. Metcalf.

Albert G. Boyden, Sub Master, and Estelle Dixon, and Philura Wright, Head-assistants in the Chapman School. Boyden. Dixon. Wright.

Huldah Mitchell and Mary D. Day, Primary-School Teachers in the Chapman District. Mitchell. Day.

J. Frank Bailey, Usher, and Janet M. Crighton, and Elvira G. Wright, Assistants in the Dwight School. Bailey. Crighton. Wright.

Mary Hall, in a Primary School in the Dwight Dist't. Hall.

Harriet B. Vose, in a Primary School in the Hancock Dist't. Vose.

Sarah E. Wiggin, Assistant in the Wells School. Wiggin.

Georgianna E. Spanell and Maria L. Holbrook, Assistants in the Winthrop School. Spanell. Holbrook.

Lucretia B. Foster was confirmed as teacher of a Primary School in the Chapman District. Foster.

The Quarterly Reports on the examination and condition of the several High and Grammar Schools, and of the Primary Schools in the several Districts, were presented by the respective Committees, and were accepted by the Board. Quarterly Reports.

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On motion of Mr. Emerson,

Ordered, That so much of the Report of the Adams School and School District Committee as relates to the situation of the Adams School House, be transmitted to the City Council, with the request of this Board, that the building may receive such attention as may be found proper.

Adams School House.

Situation of Lyman School House.

Mr. Endicott offered the following:-

Ordered, That the Lyman School House be so altered as to furnish each class with a separate room, and the School with a hall suitable for exhibitions, and the regular exercise in Music; and that the City Government be requested to make an appropriation sufficient to carry this Order into effect before the next School year.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School-Houses.

Com^te on Salaries. Report on temporary services of Misses Crosby, Brock & Dudley.

Dr. Palmer of Ward 4, from the Committee on Salaries, reported an Order for the payment of certain teachers for services in the employ of the City. After a recommitment of the Report, for the purpose of amending the Order the Committee offered the following, which was adopted:- Ordered, That Miss Mary J. Crosby be paid $23.08 for four weeks' service;- that Miss Martha Brock be paid $17.31 for three weeks' service; and that Miss M. E. Dudley be paid $5.75 for one week's service, -as teachers in the service of the City.

Dr. Hooper, from the Committee on School Houses, reported the two following Orders, which were adopted:- Nov. 11. 1856.

Ordered, That a new Primary School be established in the Dwight School District. Dwight District. New Primary School ordered.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to transfer the tablet "Dwight School" from the old building to the new Dwight School-House in Springfield Street. Dwight School Tablet to be transfered to new building.

Dr. Stevens offered the following:- Primary School buildings to be transfered to the City.

Ordered, That the Primary School buildings situated on Dedham, Worcester and Northampton Streets, now in charge of this Board, be transferred to the City Council - this Board having no further use for the same. Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers.

The Committee appointed to nominate to the Board the names of one or more persons as suitable candidates for the office of "Superintendent of Public Schools," having attended to the duty assigned, ask leave to report the following names:- George Eaton, of Boston, Jonathan Kimball, of Lowell, George Allen Jr. of Boston, and Cornelius Walker, of Boston. For the Committee, Office of Sup't of Schools. Rep't of Com'e to nominate candidates.

Nath'l B. Shurtleff,
Chairman.

Read, and laid upon the table.

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Sup't of Schools: what changes expedient in office of:

On motion of Mr. Parker, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to consider whether it is expedient to make any, and, if any, what, changes in the office of Superintendent of Public Schools, and in the rules and regulations prescribing his duties.

Amendment of Rules: "advertise for candidates."

Dr. Bowen offered the following:

Ordered, That Section 17 of Chap. IV. be amended by adding, in the third line, after the words "said Committee shall", the following; "advertise for candidates, and." Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Amendment of Rules: Standing Committees to choose their Chairmen

On motion of Mr. Miles, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider the expediency of so amending Sect. 4. Chap. 1, as that the various Standing Committees on the Schools may elect their own Chairmen and report thereon during the present year.

Voted, That, when this Meeting adjourn, it be to meet one fortnight from to day, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Thereupon, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen,
Secretary

An adjourned Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, November 25th, 1856, at 4 o'clock P. M. The President in the Chair. Nov. 25. 1856.

Present,

The entire Board, except Messrs. Clark, Eaton, Prof. Gordon, Hazeltine, Hobbs, Holbrook, Mc-Manus, Hooper, Howe, Hunnin, Kaye, Newton, Rev. Porter, Putnam, Stevens (of Ward 11.) Tyler, Upham, (J. B.) Upham, (Henry) Vinton and Wilbur. Members absent.

The Chair read a communication, from Rev. William Howe, resigning his place on the School Board, — the resignation to take effect on the second Monday in January, 1857. — and the was accepted. Resignation of William Howe.

On motion of Dr. Buck, Mr. Drake requested to withdraw his resignation.

Voted, unanimously, that Mr. Drake be requested to withdraw his resignation as a member of this Board, presented at the last Meeting.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom have been referred several Orders respecting proposed changes, having taken the same into consideration, respectfully Report as follows: — to wit, — Report Com'e on Rules & Regulations

1. As to the Order relating to the calling of meetings of Committees, this Committee recommend that the second Section of the sixth Chapter of Calling of meetings of Committees.

c Jan. 25. 1856. amended by inserting after the word "all," in the sixth line, the word "But;" and after the end of said sixth line, the words "in by any two members thereof."

Advertising for candidates.

2. As to the Order relating to the advertising by District Committees before making an appointment, (any teacher excepted a Master,) the Committee do not recommend any change in the rule as it now stands. The 17th section of the 4th chapter now provides that all such teachers shall be examined by the District Committee; — and the 20th section of the same chapter provides that "all official acts of District Committees shall be done in meetings duly called," &c. — and "shall be the expression of the sense of a majority of said Committee."

These provisions appear to your Committee, to afford sufficient guarantee that no teacher can be selected who has not passed the ordeal of a personal examination, and been approved of by a majority of the Committee — and these safeguards are deemed sufficient.

Standing Committees to elect their Chairmen.

3. As to the Order relating to the provision that Standing Committees should elect their own Chairmen, instead of being appointed by the President of the Board, your Committee think favorably of the change, so far as the Committees are

concerned. They therefore recommend that the 4th Nov. 25, 1856.
Section of the 1st Chapter of the Rules be amended by
adding at the close of the Section, as now printed,
the following words, viz:- "Provided, that the Com-
mittees of the Latin School, the English High
School, the Girls' High and Normal School, and
each District Committee, shall respectively elect
their own Chairmen; and they shall be re-
quired to report the names of such Chairmen
to this Board." For the Committee,

Geo. W. Sweetser, Chairman.

Read and accepted.

The same Committee was
granted further time on the subject of Rules
pertaining to the duties of the Superintendent
of Public Schools.

Mr. Randall nominated Ja. E.
Abby L. Jaft and Harriet Hasketl assistants Hasketl.
in the Franklin School.

Dr. Lothrop offered the following:- Sup't of
Ordered, That the Rules of the office of Superin- Schools.
intendent of Public Schools be amended as follows: Rules of
that Section 3d (Chap. VII.) read as follows:- the office
of
Sect. 3. He shall, as far as practicable, have a
personal knowledge of the condition of all the Schools,
and shall endeavor to suggest improvements &
remedy defects. He shall advise the teachers
in relation to the best modes of instruction and

Jan. 25. 1856. discipline for their respective schools, and shall see that the regulations of the Board in regard to the schools are carried into full effect; and, to this end, it shall be his duty to pass three times on four days of each week, in visiting the Public Schools of the City, of all grades; to keep a record of his visits, putting down in connection with each visit, such remarks, suggestions, or opinions as he may think just, wise & useful; and said record shall at all times be in the office of the Superintendent, and open to the inspection of any member of the School Board.

Sect. 5. He shall assist the District Committees in the quarterly examinations, when so desired, and he shall at all times render such aid, and communicate such information to the various Committees and to the whole Board as they may require of him: - to facilitate his opportunities of so doing, and to place him in just and equal relations to every member, he shall have a seat at the Board, with a right to address the Board, in the expression of opinion, giving information &c, - but with no right to vote upon any question that come before the Board.

That Sect 7 be amended by striking out in the first line, "the" and "in February", and in the second line "in print for the use of the Board annual", and inserting "a."-

That Section 8 be amended by striking out "twice"

in the first line, and adding at the close of the sec- Oct. 25. 1836.
tion, - "and he shall keep a record of these teachers'
meetings, with the notice of the subjects discussed; and
said record shall be open to the inspection of any
member of this Board, and of any of the teachers
of the Public Schools."

On motion of Mr. Ranney,
Voted, that Sect. 13. Chap. IV. be suspended, to consider
the above amendment at the present time.

Mr. Miles moved the following amendment to
Sect. 4. Chap. VII. - viz, to add thereto the foving words:
"and shall endeavor to bring, so far as possible,
all the children within the sphere of their in-
fluence."

Mr. Bates of Ward 8. moved an amendment to Chap. VII.
viz, to add thereto a new Section, as follows: Section 10.
The Superintendent shall also be the Secretary of the
Board, and perform the duties required under Chap. VI.

Mr. Wright offered the following Order, viz:
Ordered, That Section 1st of Chap. VII. be amended so
that, instead of a Superintendent of Public Schools,
a Superintendent of Grammar and High Schools,
and a Superintendent of Primary Schools, shall be
elected.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, it was Com^e on Rules
Voted, that the whole subject, including the to report
above amendments, be referred to the Committee in print.
on Rules and Regulations; - that Committee to
report to this Board in print.

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Amendment of Rules: "advertise for candidates."

Dr. Brewer offered the following:-

Ordered, That Section 17th of Chap. IV be amended by adding, in the third line, after the words, "said Committee shall", the following, "advertise for candidates, and." Read and laid upon the table.

Vacancy. Alderman to be notified.

On motion of Mr. Ranney, it was

Voted, That the Secretary inform the Board of Aldermen of the vacancy to occur in this Board occasioned by the resignation of Rev. Wm. Rowe of Ward 5.

On motion of Dr. Lyman, it was

Voted, that, when this Board adjourn, it be for two weeks from this day.

Thereupon the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

A adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the 9th day of December, 1856, at 4 o'clock P.M. The President in the Chair. Dec. 9. 1856.

Present,

The whole Board, except Messrs. Baker, Blanke, Dawes, Eaton, Farley, Fox, Gordon, Gould, Hazelton, Hobbs, Holbrook, Howe, Henry Upham, J. B. Upham, Vinton, and York.

Miss E. F. Bailey was confirmed as Assistant in the Boys' department of the Dwight School. Bailey

Miss Frances H. Redding was confirmed as teacher of a Primary School in the Adams District. Redding

Dr. Buck from the Hancock School District Committee offered the following Report:- Report of Hancock Dist. Committee on the bad conduct of some of the pupils.

At a meeting of the Hancock School District Committee, Dec. 8. 1856, for the purpose of investigating the recent unfavorable reports touching the moral character and conduct of several of the girls now, and recently, members of the Hancock School, after a full and deliberate consideration of the subject, your Committee came unanimously to the conclusion, that the conduct of Sarah E. Ewin, Caroline F. Dow, Harriet P. Leman, and Mary E. Burgess, now members of the School, and of Elizabeth K. Kimball, who has recently left it, has been highly unprincipled-

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like, and not calculated to vitiate and corrupt the minds and characters of those with whom they may associate, and dangerous to the good morals and well-being of the School; It was therefore Voted, unanimously, That the Master of the Hancock School be instructed to expel from that School, for the reason of immoral conduct, Sarah E. Cain, Caroline Dow, Harriet P. Leman, and Mary C. Rogers; and, for the same reason, not to re-admit Elizabeth F. Kimball, formerly a pupil, but who has now left the School; and that the Chairman of the Hancock School District Committee be instructed to report this vote to the Board, and ask their confirmation of the same. Respectfully submitted. (signed)

Ephraim Buck, Chairman &c.

Dr. Buck then offered the following vote:-

Voted, That this Board adopt and confirm the action of the Hancock School District Committee, as set forth in the accompanying Report; and that the Secretary of the Board be directed to communicate both the doings of the said District Committee on the subject, and also the action of this Board thereon, to the Master of the Hancock School. Read and passed.

Annual Report

Mr. Cudworth, from the Committee appointed for the purpose, presented the Annual Report of the School Committee; which, on motion of Mr.

Remiss, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Dec. 9. 1836.

Dr. Cooper, from the Committee on School Houses, reported the following Order:- Report. Com^ee on School Houses: on transfer of Prim^y Building to the City.

Ordered, That the Primary School Buildings situated on Dedham, Worcester and Northampton Streets, now in charge of this Board, be transferred to the City Council, the Board having no farther use for them. Read, and passed.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom were referred several propositions relating to the duties of the Superintendent of Public Schools, having carefully considered the same, respectfully submit the following Report:- Report Com^ee on Rules &c. on "Duties of the Sup^t of Schools."

The Committee are not prepared to adopt the suggestions which have been made to abolish the office of Superintendent. For, although this office must still continue to be regarded somewhat in the light of an experiment, the results thus far obtained, though not in all respects satisfactory, are nevertheless such as to lead the Committee to hope, that, with some slight modifications in the duties of the office, still more successful results may hereafter be expected. Nor are the Committee inclined to recommend that the duties of this office should be too minutely specified. The general objects to be secured are such, in their very

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nature, as to require that many things which are of great importance in themselves, should nevertheless be left to the practical wisdom and discretion of the Superintendent himself; and it is not believed that the wisest judgment can anticipate, much less specify, in detail, all the duties which he might reasonably be expected to perform. The Committee will therefore feel it to be right to require somewhat more rigid accountability in regard to the manner in which he may exercise the discretion given to him, and of the good results which he may find means of accomplishing, rather than to incur the responsibility of thus limiting his action, and thereby impairing his usefulness, by prescribing for him any unnecessary formulas of proceedings.

As to the proposition to combine the two offices of Superintendent of Public Schools and of Secretary of this Board, the Committee do not think favorably of the change. The most essential duties of the Superintendent, as they exist in the minds of the Committee, are such as to require a very liberal education, much practical experience and good judgment, combined with a thorough knowledge and comprehension of our public school system; and he who can worthily meet the requirements of such an office can, it is believed, employ his time more profitably to himself in the performance of the arduous

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The question of economy is by no means to be lost sight of or disregarded in this connection; but, that cannot be recommended as a system of economy which withholds a needful supply for needful objects. And the question for us to decide is not how our Schools can be kept in operation merely by the least possible amount of money, but, how we can maintain the best system of public instruction, and keep all the Schools in the highest state of efficiency, without any unreasonable or unnecessary expenditure.

Besides, we think there can be no reasonable doubt, in connection with an expenditure so large as is now required to keep our school system in operation,— a considerable proportion of which relates to subjects which are expected to be under the immediate supervision of the Superintendent himself,— that a due watchfulness on his part might save to the public, in this department alone, many times the amount of his own salary, without taking into the account the great benefits which the city may be expected to realize from the performance of his other duties.

But the arguments which have been sufficient to induce the recommendation of the appointment of one Superintendent, are not, in the minds of the Committee, such as to require the appointment of two such officers at present. If the full efficiency and usefulness of the Primary Schools

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cannot be secured by the undivided efforts of the visiting committee themselves, aided by such services as a single Superintendent can find time to render; perhaps the mastering of the several branches would be required occasionally to attend their examinations to the several Primary Schools in their own Districts, without any unnecessary interference with their present duties. This, however, is a mere suggestion of the Chairman, and is not intended as a recommendation of the Committee.

Without going further into details, the Committee recommend that a Superintendent only should be appointed, and that his duties should be prescribed by modifying the present rules so that Chapter VII. should read as follows:-

Chapter VII.

Duties of the Superintendent.

Section 1. The Superintendent of Public Schools shall be elected annually, by ballot, at the quarterly meeting of the Board in May, to enter upon the duties of his office on the first day of June next ensuing. At the same meeting the salary of the Superintendent shall be voted, and no alteration in the amount of said salary shall be made during the year for which he is elected.

Section 2. He shall devote himself to the study of the Public School System, and to an examination

into the condition of the Schools, and shall keep himself Dec. 9. 1856
acquainted with the progress of instruction and discipline in other places, in order to suggest appropriate means for the advancement of the Public Schools in this City.

Sect. 3. He shall, as far as practicable, have a personal knowledge of the condition of all the Schools, shall visit, for inspection or examination, each of them as often as his other duties will permit, and shall endeavor to suggest improvements and remedy defects in their management. He shall also advise the teachers in relation to the best modes of instruction and discipline for their respective Schools, and shall see that the regulations of the Board in regard to the Schools are carried into full effect.

Sect. 4. He shall make investigations as to the number and the condition of the children in the City who are not receiving the benefits offered by the Public Schools, and shall endeavor to ascertain the reasons and to suggest and apply the remedies.

Sect. 5. He shall render such aid and communicate such information to the various Committees as they may require of him; and, when desired, he shall assist the Committees in the examinations.

Sect. 6. He shall consult with the different bodies who have control of the building and altering of School houses, and shall communicate to them such information on the subject as he may possess; and he shall suggest such plans in building

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and allowing school houses as he may consider best for the health and convenience of the teachers and pupils, and most economical to the City; and he shall advise with those through whom, either directly or indirectly, the school appropriations are expended, that there may result more uniformity in their plans, and more economy in their expenditures.

Sect. 7. It shall be his duty to attend the meetings of the Board, and he may be called upon by them to express his opinion on any subject under discussion, or to communicate such information as may be in his power. And, at each quarterly meeting he shall present to the Board a written report, giving an account of the Schools he has visited and the other duties performed by him during the quarter, together with such facts and suggestions relating to the condition of the Schools, and the increase of their efficiency and usefulness, as he may deem advisable for the information of the Board.

Sect. 8. He shall examine all bills for salaries, and the bills for all articles purchased by order of the Board, or by the Committee on Accounts, and shall perform such other duties as the School Committee shall prescribe, or from time to time direct.

All which is respectfully submitted.

For the Committee, Geo. H. Gardiner, Chairman.

On motion of Dr. Palmer of Ward 4, it was Voted Dec. 9. 1856.
that Chapter VII. of the Report be taken up and considered by Sections.

Sections numbering 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, were adopted without amendment. Section 7 was amended by inserting, in the first line, before the word meetings, the word "public"; and in the third line, by substituting the word "it," for "them"; and by adding at the close of the section, after the word Board, the following:- "He shall keep a record of the name, age, residence and qualifications of persons desirous of becoming Primary School Teachers in this City, with such remarks and suggestions in respect to them as he shall deem important for the information of Committees, - which record shall be at all times open to the inspection of any member of this Board." Section 7, as amended, was then adopted.

Section 8 was amended by striking out, after the word "He", as far as the word "Accounts"; so that said Section shall read as follows:-

Section 8. He shall perform such other duties as the School Committee shall prescribe, or from time to time direct. Section 8, as amended, was then adopted.

Report adopted

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, the Report of the Committee, as amended, was adopted.

Mr. Codman moved amend the Rules of the

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Amendment of Rules Secretary's duties

Board, Chap. VI, Section 1, by adding thereto a portion of Sect. 8, Chap. VII, as reported by the Committee, reading as follows: "He shall examine all bills for salaries, and the bills in all articles purchased by the order of the Board, or by the Committee on Accounts." Dr. Russell, of Ward Five, moved a suspension of the Rules, for the purpose of acting upon the motion at the present time. The Rules were suspended, and the motion adopted.

Sup't of Schools. Report on Candidates accepted

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, the Report of the Committee to nominate candidates for the office of Superintendent of Public Schools was taken from the table. Dr. Buck withdrew from the list the name of George Allen Jr. The Report was then accepted.

On motion of Dr. Lyman,

Election deferred. Secretary to advertise

Ordered, That the election of Superintendent be deferred for two weeks, and that the Secretary be directed to cause suitable advertisements to be inserted, immediately, in the daily journals, making known that the Board will receive applications for the office of Superintendent of the Public Schools of the City of Boston, until the 22nd inst.

Report, Com^e on Text Books

The Committee on Text Books, to whom was referred the subject of applying to the Secretary of the Board of Education, for copies of Worcester's or Webster's Dictionary, agreeably to Statute, beg leave to

Report: That they have ascertained, by inquiry, the number of rooms now supplied with Dictionaries, and find that, with the exception of thirty-two rooms, all the teachers have been supplied — it is presumed at the City's expense, — with a copy of Worcester's Universal and Critical Dictionary, or of Worcester's Academic Dictionary. These 32 rooms are entitled to be supplied with Worcester's Academic Dictionary, at the City's expense. Dec. 9, 1856. Dictionaries from Board of Education.

They therefore submit the following Order:—

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Board of Education be requested to furnish Webster's Quarto Dictionary, unabridged, for the use of each teacher in the Public Schools not already supplied therewith: provided, always, that it shall not be considered the standard of Orthography or pronunciation.

For the Committee,
F. E. Parker, Chairman.

Read, accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of D. P. Lyman,
Voted, that when the Board adjourn, it be for two weeks.

Thereupon the Board adjourned.

Attest:
Barnard Capen, Secretary.

Dec. 23 1856.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the 23d day of December, 1856, at 4 o'clock P.M.

The President in the Chair.

Present,

Members absent.

The entire Board except Messrs. Baker, Bates of Ward 5, Eaton, Emerson, Gordon, Hazelton, Holbrook, Homer, Howe, Hoyt, Horton, Russell, Ward 5, Tyler, Vinny Upham, J. Baxter Upham, Ventom and York.

Metcalf. Town. Houston. Boyden. Ditson Wright. Allin. Sturtevant. Morse.

Robert Metcalf was confirmed as Sub Master, and Jane S. Tower and Mary P. Moulton as Head-Assistants in the Adams School.

Albert G. Boyden was confirmed as Sub Master, and Estelle Ditson and Phebina Wright as Head-Assistants in the Chapman School.

Elizabeth H. Allin was confirmed as Primary Teacher in the Adams District, and Emily C. Sturtevant and Mary E. Morse as Primary Teachers in the Chapman District.

Clarke. Lloyd Howes.

William S. Clarke was confirmed as Master, and Mary R. Lloyd as Assistant in the Hawes School.

Alfred Howes was confirmed as Sub Master in the Mayhew School.

Howe. Walker. Wright.

Mary Howe and Annie E. Walker were nominated as on probation in the Chapman School.

Eliza T. Wright was nominated 4th Class in the Hancock School.

Mr. Endicott submitted, in print (City Document No. 72) the Annual Report of the School Committee; and on his motion, the same was accepted. Dec. 23. 1856. Annual Report

On motion of Dr. Buck,

Voted, That, when the Board adjourns, it be to meet two weeks from this day.

Mr. Endicott offered the following;- School for Special Instruction in the Lyman Dist't.

Ordered, That an Intermediate School, or School for Special Instruction, be established in the Lyman School District; and that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to provide a room in the wooden building, corner of Meridian and Paris Streets, formerly occupied by Classes of the Lyman School. Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Bates of Ward 8, Primary School House in South B Cent.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to examine the condition of the Primary School House in South B. Cent, and report what measures are necessary to remedy the defective ventilation and means of warming said building.

On motion of Dr. Shurtleff, Ann'l Report: xxxxx copies to be printed.

Ordered, That the usual number of copies of the Annual School Report, together with the Annual Reports on Latin, English, and Girls' High and

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Normal Schools be printed for general distribution.

Report Com^e on Salaries on Order to pay Mary J. Allen

The Committee on Salaries having considered the Order to pay Mary J. Allen $4.11 for five days' service as teacher in the Chapman District, would report in favor of the adoption of said order, — the services named having been duly rendered. For the Committee,

Henry A. Drake.

Order passed.

Ordered, That Mary J. Allen be paid 4 8 11/100 dollars for five days' service in the Chapman District.

Read, accepted, and the Order passed.

Mr. Skinner offered the following:-

Skinner's order to pay for services of substitute

Ordered, That Mary Jane May, who has been employed as substitute for Helen M. Chase in the Skinner School, be paid $30 for teaching 10 weeks.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Election of Superintendent of Schools

On motion of Mr. Huntress the Board proceeded to the election of a Superintendent of Schools; and, for this purpose, went into secret session.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Drake, Huntress, and Patterson of Ward 4, a Committee to collect, sort and count the votes. Communications from Mr. John L. Philbrick and Mr. Charles Rockwell, making application for the office, and also papers recommending Mr. Philbrick, were read by the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Bradbury, it was Voted, That

the first ballot be an informal one; and the Committee having collected and counted the votes reported the following results:— Dec. 23. 1856.

Informal Ballot.	Whole No. of votes	52.
	Necessary to a choice	27.
	John D. Philbrick had	25.
	Cornelius Walker	14.
	George Eaton	11.
	Hubbard Winslow	1
	Wm. H. Connell	1.

After a lengthy discussion on the qualifications of the several candidates the Committee to collect, sort and count the votes, having attended to that duty, reported the results of four several ballotings, as follows:—

First Ballot.—	Whole No. of votes	55.
	Necessary to a choice	28.
	John D. Philbrick had	23.
	George Eaton	15.
	Cornelius Walker	15.
	Henry C. Miles	1
	Prof. Sanborn	1. No choice.

Second Ballot	Whole No. of votes	56.
	Necessary to a choice	29
	John D. Philbrick had	25.

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George Eaton 17.
Cornelius Walker 11.
Henry A. Miles 3. No choice.

Third Ballot. Whole number of votes, 54.
Necessary to a choice, 28.
John D. Philbrick had 26.
George Eaton, 16.
Cornelius Walker, 7
Henry A. Miles, 5. No choice.

Fourth Ballot. Whole number of votes, 53
Necessary to a choice, 27
John D. Philbrick had 30
George Eaton 10
Cornelius Walker 6
Henry A. Miles 7

Mr. Philbrick was thereupon declared elected.

Report Com^ee on School Houses;- School for special Instruction in Lyman District.

Dr. Hooper, from the Committee on School Houses, reported the following Order:

Ordered, That an Intermediate School be established in the Lyman School District, and that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to prepare a vacant room in the Primary School house on Webster Street, for the purpose. Read and passed.

A motion by Dr. Lothrop,

that the election of Mr. Philbrick, as Superintend- Dec. 23. 1856.
ent of Schools be declared the unanimous
choice of the Board, was Lost.

Thereupon, the Board adjourned.

Attest.

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

Jan. 6. 1857.

An adjourned Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, Jan. 6. 1857.

The President in the Chair.

Present,

Members absent. The whole Board except Messrs. Bates, Hand 3, Clark, Emerson, Fox, Gordon, Gould, Hazelton, Hobbs, Holbrook, Howe, Mayo, Moore, Norton, Putnam of Ward 3, Porter, Russell, Stevens, Ward 11, H. Upham, J. B. Upham, Vinton, and the President of the Common Council.

Walker. Leonard Walker was nominated as Usher in the Latin School.

Nickerson. Clara H. Nickerson was nominated as Assistant in the Eliot School.

The following teachers were confirmed: -

C. A. E. Hunt. Fisher. Davis. Wilmarth. Whitmore. Town. Thornton. Miss Catherine F. Cooke, Sub Master, and Lucian Hunt Usher, in the Eliot School.

Susan M. Fisher and Clarissa Davis, Teachers of Primary Schools in the Eliot District.

Frances Wilmarth was confirmed as an Assistant in the Hancock School

Sarah F. Whitmore and Harriet B. Vose were confirmed as Primary Teachers in the Hancock School District; - the latter under a suspension of Section 20, Chap. 4.

Kate W. Town was confirmed as an Assistant in the Grammar School, and Anna R. Thornton in a

Primary School in the Lawrence District. Jan. 6. 1857.

Hannah A. Atkins and Emily A. Morse were confirmed as Primary School Teachers in the Lyman District. Atkins & Morse

Edward Gay was confirmed as Usher, and Lizzie H. Goodale and Charlotte L. Wheelwright as Assistants in the Primary School. Gay Goodale Wheelwright.

On motion of Dr. Buck, it was

Voted, That the salary of Miss L. F. Whitmore be the same as if she had continued at the Adams School. Miss Whitmore's salary.

Mr. Drake read the Report of the Committee on Salaries on the order to pay Mary J. May fifty dollars for ten weeks' service as substitute in the for Helen M. Chaffee in the Brimmer School. Report of Com^e on Salaries: pay of a substitute.

On motion of Mr. Parker the Report was laid on the table.

The Chair read the resignation of N. B. Stevens of Ward 11, as a member of this Board, and the same was accepted. Resignation of N. B. Stevens

Mr. Smith B offered the following:- Resolved, That the thanks of the Board be presented to His Honor the Mayor for the able, impartial and gentlemanly manner in which he has presided over this Board during the past year. Read, and passed unanimously. His Honor the Mayor made a suitable reply. Thanks to the President.

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Concerts by H. Thalberg to the pupils.

The President announced to the Board the proposition of H. Thalberg, the eminent pianist, to give five concerts to the children of the Public Schools of Boston.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop,

Voted, That the thanks of this Board be presented to H. Thalberg for his kind and generous offer; and that a Committee be appointed, consisting of five, to make the necessary arrangements for the concerts. The Chair appointed as that Committee Messrs. Lothrop, Palmer of Ward 4, Eaton, Drake, and Fabyan.

Committee appointed.

On motion of Dr. Palmer of Ward 4,

Salaries.

Voted to take from the table a motion made by him, October 21st, for the suspension of Section 7, Chap. 3. Dr. Palmer then moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Orders were adopted fixing the salaries of the Teachers for the ensuing year.

Motion to reconsider.

Dr. Lothrop moved to omit, in the motion to reconsider, the orders relative to the salaries of the Masters of the three High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Hannaford, the whole subject was laid on the table.

Pay of substitutes; Opinion of City Solicitor requested.

On motion of Mr. Ranney,

Ordered, That the City Solicitor be requested to give his opinion in writing as to the legal right and power of this Board to grant any teacher in the employment of the City an allowance for the expenses of a substitute in case of illness of the teacher, or in any case.

On motion of Dr. Shurtleff, Jan. 6. 1857.

Ordered, That the sum of three hundred dollars be paid to the messenger of the Board; being the same amount paid the last year. Pay of messenger to the Board.

Mr. Sykes offered the following; Adams School House: heating & ventilation of.

Whereas, the steam apparatus in the Adams School does not so warm the rooms as to make the scholars comfortable; and the school is frequently interrupted by a portion of the school and sometimes the whole of the school being dismissed, even in moderate winter weather; and

Whereas, in the present arrangement, there is no perceptible ventilation except by the doors; and Whereas, it has been recommended to the City Government, in City Document 74, in answer to a communication from this body, relative to the condition of that building, to hold no action thereupon; therefore,

Ordered, That the Adams School be suspended at the discretion of the District Committee, until such time as the house may be placed in a suitable condition to be occupied by the School. Adams School: suspension of.

On motion of Mr. Sunbury, the order was amended by inserting, in the last line but two, after the word may, the words "in their judgment." The Order as amended was then adopted.

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Mr. Dawes made a statement of facts relative to the attendance at the Hawes School of a pupil whose parents do not reside in Boston: whereupon, on motion of Dr. Lothrop, it was voted that the said pupil be allowed to remain in the School.

Hawes School: attendance of non-resident pupil.

Thereupon the Board adjourned

Attest.

J. Barnard Capen, Secretary.

Medals awarded to Boys.

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Latin School.

Arthur Wilkinson Jr.
George Brooks Young
George Gill Wheelock
Louis Wm. Tappan Jr.
George Willis Warren
William Channing Gannett

English High.

William H. Parker
Joseph H. Capen
George H. Binney
J. Albert Sprague
Henry W. Parsons
Edwin F. Bowker.

Boylston.

James A. Hickey
Daniel E. Fanacy
John J. Quigley
Patrick F. Hayes
Michael J. Croak.

Brimmer.

Ingersoll B. Sheridan
John E. F. Cross
George C. Wright
Charles Wm. Norton
George P. Ryan
Enoch F. Simmons
William C. Ireland
John N. Batterman
Converse B. Hill
William Nichols Jr.
William Blaikie
Joseph L. Price Jr.

Chapman.

George H. Hardy
Arthur F. Ewell.
William H. Sprague
Andrew P. Fisher
Francis F. Andrews
Peter J. Kiernan.

Dwight

Charles H. Collier
William H. Churchill
Samuel H. Finch
Howard D. Emerson
Charles E. Smith
Frank Semsby
Franklin D. Whitcomb
Francis H. Foster.

Eliot.

Charles H. Crowell
Richard F. Dowy
George F. Gay
Francis J. Kelley.

Lorenzo N. Knights
William J. Porter
Charles E. Ritter
J. Irving Cross
Patrick J. Stinson.

Hawes.

Emory H. Riley
George H. Kinney
John Dunlop
George H. Peaslee
Edward F. Pierce
William H. Morse
Charles H. Abbot
Harlan P. Wilson

Lawrence.

Charles P. Jenkins
James F. Doe
John Crotty
Charles Cunningham

Lyman

John A. McField
John H. Dunne
Ammi R. Hahn.

Mayhew

Mark A. Blaisdell
Frank W. Boles
Ezra Farnsworth
John F. Hassam
James F. Jewett

Samuel S. Pierce
Thomas Watson.

Phillips

Elias H. Hanson
J. Dudley Richards
George H. Tower
Orlando F. Merritt
Oscar Farar
William H. H. Stowell.

Quincy

Richard L. Ashe
Thomas J. Bancroft
Thomas W. Bishop
William H. Colburn
Matthew Cassell
William H. Dimond
Howard Gannett
Adolphus H. Green
Alexander Macgregor Jr.
James Edward O'Brien
Howard A. Pickering
John H. Thayer
Charles F. Trout.
John E. Colburn.

Medals awarded to Girls. (93)

1856.

Bigelow School

Mary A. Montague
Laura A. Read
Charlotte Packard
Mary L. Locke
Margaret A. Healy
Josephine Newmarch
Esther A. Cole
Mary Hughes.

Bowdoin

Jane B. Blanchard
Eunice C. Chandler
Mary B. Cobb
Marietta L. Coburn
Mary R. Farnsworth
Mary E. Fiske
Sarah R. Hall
Ann E. Kimball
Caroline A. Moriarty
Lucy A. Pike
Sarah F. Prescott

Boylston.

Elizabeth A. Buckley
Catharine C. Jordan
Catharine C. Coughlan.

Chapman.

Mary G. Morton
Charlotte Sinclair
Augusta Drew
Hester Howe
Roberta Jenkins
Sarah A. Small.

Dwight.

Mary T. Ross.
Mary R. Towle
Lucy A. Cate
Ann J. Lyon
Martha A. Sanborn

Franklin.

Lizzie T. Murtagh
Lizzie W. Mayo
Fannie K. Field
Sarah C. Chase
Miranda F. Burgess
Abbie F. Davis
Lizzie F. Meriam
Grace A. Madigan
Mary E. Noyes
Ellen M. Dickinson.

Hancock.

Susan A. Skinner
Irene W. Wentworth
Maria Geyer
Flora A. Holbrook
Ellen E. Marble
Adelaide R. Colby
Jennie B. Buck
Susan G. P. Clark
Maria A. Pulsifer
Sarah Oliver
Mary E. Ham
Eleanora Breasha

Lawrence.

Harriet W. Hammond
Caroline R. Holway
Elizabeth J. Nugent
Fanna P. Jenkins
Eliza G. A. Trumbull
Ellen J. Bishop
Harriet E. Bickner

Lyman

Susan A. Tomlinson
Mary A. Morse
Mary E. Burr
Caroline A. Pearson
Harriette F. Newton
Sarah H. Moulton
Emma Kelly.

Wells.

Isabella K. Dickinson
Anna E. Boardman
Ellen F. Preble
Annie G. Cummings
Henrietta N. Wood
Sarah E. Emmons
Frank E. Neal
Mary E. Copeland
Isabella Davis.

Winthrop

Addie E. Sylvester
M. O. Mullin
Lucie K. Symonds
Persis L. Bosworth
Matilda Mitchell
Emily F. Tucker
L. Blanche Ladd
Helen F. West
Anna M. Leighton
Anna L. Maynard
Maria R. Mason
Louisa F. Covey.
Emily J. Hutchins
Susie B. Leeds
Louisa J. Blodgett.

Jan. 12. 1857.

A meeting of the School-Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday the 12th day of January, 1857, at half past four o'clock in the afternoon, by order of the Mayor, for the organization of the Board for the current Municipal year.

Organization of the new Board.

The members of the former Board who retain their seats this year are as follows:-

members who hold over.

Ward 1. Ephraim Buck-
George Fabyan-
Adino B. Hall-
Albert Day.-

2. James A. Sykes-
Marcus B. Leonard-
Edwin Wright-
Edwin A. Hill.-

3. Samuel A. Bradbury-
Isaac H. Hazelton-
Daniel P. Simpson-
E. D. G. Palmer.-

4. Nath.l C. B. Shurtleff-
Ezra Palmer Jr.-
Francis E. Parker-
Benjamin F. Shaw.-

5.
Frederick Emerson-
Henry A. Miles-
J. R. Marvin.-

Ward 6. George W. Tuxbury-
John C. Stockbridge-
Chandler Robbins-
J. Baxter Upham-

7. Le Baron Russell-
Robert W. Hooper-
Alex.r H. Vinton-
Charles D. Homans-

8. George H. Lyman-
John B. Alley-
Sam.l W. Bates-
Thomas M. Brewer-

9. Otis A. Skinner.
William W. Baker
J. Phelps Putnam-
William Beck.-

10. Wm M. Cornell-
Sam.l J. M. Homer-
Geo. M. Randall-
Enoch C. Rolfe.-

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Ward 11. James A. Fox-
George Eaton.-

Ward 12. D. McB. Thaxter Jr.-
Thomas Dawes-
Charles S. Porter-
Henry A. Drake.-

Absent.

All the foregoing members were present except Messrs. Emerson, Hazelton, Hill, Palmer of Ward 2, Randall, Robbins, Shaw, Simpson, Stockbridge, Sykes, Upham and Vinton.

New members present.

In addition to the above, the following newly elected members appeared and took their seats:-

Oliver Stevens Esq., President of the Common Council.

Ward 1. Matthias Rich Jr.-

2. J. Wesley Hinckley-
Warren H. Cudworth.-

3. Silas F. Plimpton.-
Erastus W. Sanborn.-

4.

5. Arthur H. Poor-
Joseph L. Bates.-

6. Sam[u]l K. Lothrop-
John Codman.-

Ward 7. Patrick Riley-
Henry W. Haynes.-

8. Rufus Ellis.-
J. J. Coolidge-

9. William Read.-

10. Thaddeus Allen-
Edmund B. Dearborn.-

11. Samuel B. Crafts-
Luther Parks Jr.-

12 William H. Dean-
George P. French.-

In the absence of His Honor the Mayor.- Alexander H. Rice,- the President of the Common Council took the Chair, and called the Meeting to order.

At the request of the Chair, the Rev. Dr. Miles offered an address to the Throne of Grace. Jan. 12. 1857.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Buck, Shuttleff, & Drake a Committee to collect the Credentials of the newly elected members, who attended to that duty, and reported that a quorum was present for the transaction of business. Credentials: Committee to collect.

Voted to proceed to the election of a Secretary. The Chair appointed Messrs. Codman, Connell and Drake a Committee to collect, assort and count the votes; who, having attended to that duty, reported that the whole number of votes was 50, and that Barnard Capen had 47. Mr. Capen was thereupon declared elected. Secretary chosen.

On motion of Dr. Buck, — Rules & Regulations adopted.

Voted, That the Rules and Regulations of the last School Board be adopted for the temporary regulation of the present Board.

On motion of Dr. Abbey, — Salary of Secretary.

Ordered, That the salary of the Secretary of the Board be fixed at the same amount as that paid during the past year.

The Chairman then announced the following Standing Committees

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for the year, which were duly confirmed.

Standing Committees.

Committee on Elections. Messrs. Beck, Buck, Bates of Ward 5, Coolidge and Poor.

Rules and Regulations. Messrs. Tuxbury, Lothrop, Emerson, Eaton and Skinner.

Salaries. Messrs. Drake, Baker, Fox, Palmer of Ward 4, and Marvin.

Accounts. Messrs. Baker, Coolidge, Shaw, Rolfe and Alley.

Text Books. Messrs. Parker (Francis E.) Codman, Russell, Putnam and Robbins.

School Houses. Messrs. Hooper, Hazelton, Shuttleff, Day and Emft.

Latin School. Messrs. Shuttleff, Parker, (Francis E.) Codman, Wightland Poor.

English High School. Messrs. Lothrop, Vinton, Stiles, Putnam and Parks.

Girls' High and Normal School. Messrs. Russell, Palmer of Ward 4, Bradbury, Lyman & Brewer.

Adams School District. Messrs. Sykes, Leonard, Endworth, Hill and Wright & Kinckley.

Bigelow. Messrs. Thayer, Drake, Peters, Dawes, Dean and French.

Bowdoin. Messrs. Robbins, Dean, Palmer of Ward 4, Tuxbury, Shuttleff, Upham, Hockbridge, Plimpton and Skinner.

Boylston. Messrs. Vinton, Codman, Homans, Hooper, Robbins, Russell, Putnam, Riley, Haynes and Parker (Lucel S.)

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Bunnun. Messrs. Skinner, Alley, Lyman, Beck, Randall, Newell, Redland Allen.

Chapman. Messrs. Endworth, Sykes, Leonard, Hill, Wright and Hinckley.

Dwight. Messrs. Fox, Rolfe, Eaton, Crust, Parks, Baker, Haynes, and two vacancies.

Eliot. Fabyan, Buck, Simpson, Tatinen of Wards, Hall, Day, Dyer, Richard Sanborn.

Franklin. Messrs. Randall, Coolidge, Ellis, Rolfe, Eaton, Parks, Crust, Allen, Dearborn, and two vacancies.

Hancock. Messrs. Buck, Parker, Francis E. Fabyan, Bradbury, Hall, Tatinen of Wards, Simpson, Day, Dyer, Plimpton and Skinner.

Hawes. Messrs. Dawes, Drake, Porter, Dean, French and Dearborn.

Lawrence. Messrs. Thaxter, Drake, Fox, Porter, Connell, Dawes, Dean, French & Crust.

Lyman. Messrs. Endworth, Leonard, Sykes, Wright, Hill, Dyer and Hinckley.

Mayhew. Messrs. Simpson, Hayden, Bradbury, Lothrop, Homans, Marvin & A. D. Parker.

Phillips. Messrs. Shaw, Jos. L. Bates, Stockbridge, Upham, Marvin, Miles & Codman.

Quincy. Messrs. Connell, Ellis, J. H. Bates, Coolidge, Randall, Heman, Beck, Brown, Allen and Riley.

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Voted Aldermen Emerson, Jos. L. Bates, Hazelton, Mavin, Otis, Poor, Linton, Swan and Mooney.

Voted Winthrop. S. H. Bates, Skinner, Lyman, Baker, Alley, Putnam, Homer, Brewer, Jewett, and Read.

First Meetings of Committees.

Voted, That the gentlemen named first upon the Committees on the Latin, English High and Girls' High and Normal Schools, and upon the Committees on each Ward District be requested to call the first meeting of the respective Committees.

Vacancies in the Board.

Mr. Eaton offered the following;—

Whereas it appears that vacancies exist in this Board occasioned by the resignations of Norman C. Stevens and Arthur H. Poor of Ward 11, and William Howe of Ward 5, whose several terms of office will expire in one, two and one years, it is—

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen of this City, proposing a Convention of said Board with this Committee, on Monday next, at 4½ o'clock P. M., for the purpose of filling the vacancies aforesaid, pursuant to law.

Opinion of City Solicitor to be Obtained.

Read, and, on motion of Mr. Wright, referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion whether the action contemplated by the Order can be had.

Rules & Regulations referred.

On motion of Mr. Bates of Ward 8, the Rules & Regulations were referred to the Committee on that subject

for a revision. Jan. 12. 1857.

On motion of Dr. Palmer of Ward
11, the Credentials of the newly elected members Credentials
were referred to the Committee on Elections. referred.

On motion of Mr. Mann,
Voted to adjourn to Monday, Jan. 26. at 4 o'clock P.
M.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

Jan. 26. 1857.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the 26th day of January, 1856, at 4 o'clock P.M.

The President in the Chair.

Present,

members absent.

The whole Board except Messrs. Bates, of Ward 8, Bradbury, Coolidge, Dawes, Emerson, Fox, Hill, Homans, Homer, Leonard, Newell, Palmer of Ward 3, Read, Rolfe, Simpson, Skinner, Stockbridge, Tuxbury, Upham, Vinton, and the President of the Common Council.

Vacancies. Opinion of City Solicitor on manner of filling.

The Chair read the opinion of the City Solicitor upon the question whether whether the action contemplated by an Order, offered at the last meeting, relative to filling the existing vacancies in this Board, is legal.

On motion of Mr. Wight the said Order was amended so as to read as follows, and then adopted:—

Ordered, That a Convention of this Committee and the Mayor and Aldermen be holden in the Common Council Chamber, forthwith, for the purpose of filling the vacancies aforesaid pursuant to law, and that notice be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen of the time, place, and purpose of the Convention.

Mr. Beck, Chairman of the Committee on Elections, reported that the Committee

had examined the Certificates presented by the follow- Jan. 26. 1857.
ing-named gentlemen, and found them correct, viz., Credentials
Ward 1. Matthias Rich Jr. and Micah Dyer Jr. of Members:
2. J. W. Hinckley, " W. H. Endicott. Report
3. Silas F. Plimpton, " Erastus W. Sanborn. of Committee
4. George A. Miner, " Amelius D. Parker.
5. Arthur H. Dorr, " Joseph L. Bates.
6. Samuel K. Lothrop, " John Codman.
7. Patrick Riley, " Henry W. Haynes.
8. Rufus Ellis, " J. F. I. Coolidge.
9. William Read.
10. Thaddeus Allen, " Edmund B. Dearborn.
11. Samuel B. Crocker, " Luther Parks Jr.
12. William W. Dean, " George P. Fremont.

Read, and accepted.

The Chair stated that, by mutual consent, he Wells & Han-
had transposed Mr. Plimpton and Mr. San- cock District
born on the Wells and Hancock School Dis- Committees.
trict Committees.

On motion of Dr. Connell, the communication Out-of-School
of Rev. C. F. Barnard, upon the subject of Out-of- Study:
School Study, was taken from the files and Mr. Barnard's
referred to a special Committee consisting of Messrs. communic'n
Connell, Wright and Eaton. referred.

A Message was received from the Board of Convention
Aldermen, concurring in the proposition to fill
for a Convention of the two Boards for the vacancies.

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purpose of filling vacancies in the School Committee. Thereupon the Convention was held; and the ballots having been taken and counted for a person to fill the vacancy in Ward 4 occasioned by the resignation of Norman E. Stevens it appeared that Horatio R. Hoice was chosen; and the ballots having been taken and counted for a person in said Ward to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Arthur H. Rice, it appeared that J. E. Kenick was chosen; and the ballots having been taken and counted for a person in Ward 5. to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of William Howe, it appeared that J. G. Wilbur was chosen.

H. R. Hoice. Vacancies filled.

J. E. Kenick.

J. G. Wilbur.

The Business of the Convention having been accomplished, the two Boards separated.

And the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen,
Secretary.

A Quarterly Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, February 3d, 1857, at 4 o'clock P.M. The President in the Chair. Feb. 3. 1857.

Present, —

The whole Board except Messrs. Endicott, Drake, Emerson, Herrick, Kemp, Palmer of Third, Parks, Putnam, Russell, Santlon, Shaw, Upham, Vinton, and the President of the Common Council. Members absent.

The Chair read the following papers: viz, — a communication from the Rev. F. H. Vinton presenting his resignation as a member of the School Committee, — which was accepted; — a communication from Silon W. Dewey, asking permission for his son to remain at the Brimmer School till the close of the present school year; — which was laid on the table; a communication from the City Auditor, requesting an estimate of the amount of Appropriations required for the Public Schools for the next Financial Year. Resignation of F. H. Vinton. Dewey S. W. Estimate of Appropriations for the Schools to be prepared.

On motion of Mr. Bates of Ward 8, it was Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to prepare, and submit to the City Auditor, an estimate of the Appropriations required for the Public Schools for the next Financial year.

On motion of Dr. Buck, it was Voted, That the Superintending Public Schools Sup't of Schools.

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Seat assigned him

to be assigned a seat, if he please to occupy it, on the right of the President.

Quarterly Reports

The Board then voted to proceed to the reading of the Quarterly Reports; and the Reports on the seventh & eighth Grammar Schools, and on the Primary Schools in the several Districts, were read by the respective Committees, and were accepted.

Dwight & Franklin, Bowdoin, Phillips & Wells, & Lyman Dist. Committees.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Hoar and Kenrick on the Dwight and on the Franklin School District Committees, and Mr. Wilbur upon the Bowdoin, Phillips and Wells School Dist. Committees.

Mr. Dyer was excused from serving on the Lyman School District Committee, and Mr. Mannin from serving on the Phillips School District Committee.

Primary School accommodations in Winthrop District

Dr. Brewer offered the following;-

Ordered, That the City Government be requested to provide accommodations for the Primary Schools now located in Essex Place and in South St. Court, by repairing and furnishing at least six rooms, in addition to the four now improved, in the old Win-Winthrop School House; and that, when these accommodations shall have been provided, that the Primary School Houses above named be surrendered to the City Government. Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair read the opinion of the City Solicitor as to the legal right and power of this Board to pay any teacher for the services of a substitute, in any case; - and the same was placed on file. Feb. 3. 1857. Pay of Substitutes: Opinion of City Solicitor

Dr. Palmer, of Ward 4. offered the following:- Ordered, That the various Orders passed in September last, raising the Salaries of the teachers of the Public Schools, - the increase of pay taking effect March 1. 1857 - be, and the same hereby are, rescinded. Motions to lay the Order on the table, and to refer to a Committee, having been respectively lost, it was Voted, on motion of Mr. Day, to postpone, indefinitely, the whole subject. Salaries of Teachers. Order for rescinding postponed

On motion of Dr. Lyman, the communication of S. H. Dewey was taken from the table, and the following Order was adopted:- Ordered, That Solon H. Dewey Jr. be permitted to remain until August next, a member of the Brimmer School. (Sect. 31. Chap. VIII of the Rules were suspended.) Dewey S. H. son to attend Brimmer School.

Dr. Hooper, from the Committee on School Houses, offered the following Order:- Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to furnish six of the vacant rooms in the East Boston house, for the Primary Schools in South St. East & Essex Place. Read and passed. Report Com^ee on School Houses: Primary School accommodations in Winthrop District.

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Badger

Knight

Wiggin

Holbrook

Johnson

Bailey

Adams

Staples

The following teachers were confirmed; viz,
Margaret A. Badger, Assistant in the Girls' High and Normal School.
Margaret J. Knight, Assistant, Primary School.
Sarah E. Wiggin, Assistant in the Girls' School.
Maria L. H. Holbrook, Assistant, Winthrop School.
Priscilla Johnson and Elizabeth L. Bailey, as Primary School Teachers in the Winthrop District.
Elizabeth Adams was nominated upon probation in a Primary School in the Bowdoin School District.
Hannah F. Staples was nominated as being on probation in a Primary School in the Chapman School District.

Voted to adjourn.

Attest:

J. Leonard Capen.
Secretary.

Feb. 24. 1857.

A Special Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, February 24th, 1857, at 4 o'clock P.M.
The President of the Common Council in the Chair.

Present,

The whole Board except Messrs. Brewer, Cudworth, Day, Drake, Dyer, Emerson, Fox, Hazelton, Hennick, Hill, Hinckley, Homer, Miner, Newell, Palmer, of Ward 3, Plimpton, Poor, Putnam, Randall, Riley, Shaw, Shurtleff, Simpson, Skinner, Sykes, Upham, and the President of the Board.

Members absent.

The following Teachers, having served the usual term of probation, were confirmed; viz, —

H. Isabella Hopkins, in a Primary School in the Boylston District.

Hopkins

Elnora G. Wright & Janet M. Wright, Eighteen Assistants in the Dwight School for Girls.

Wright & Eighteen

Ann J. Bolden, Assistant in the Girls' Department, & Eliza E. Gould, Assistant in the Boys' Department, of the Dwight School, were confirmed under a suspension of the Rules, — they having been transferred from Primary Schools.

Bolden Gould

Caroline M. Grover, as Teacher of a Primary School in the Quincy School District.

Grover

The following Teachers were nominated as being on probation; viz, Hannah R. Chadbourne, as an Assistant in the Adams School.

Chadbourne

Mary E. Dickinson in a Primary School in the Chapman District.

Dickinson

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Eleven Ballots Ban

Mary L. Glover, Assistant in the Phillips School. Emeline D. Fish, in a Primary School in the Phillips District. Caroline F. Bancroft, Assistant in the Dwight School.

On motion of Mr. Eaton,

Ordered, That the salaries of Miss Bolden and Miss Gould, Assistants in the Dwight School, be the same as if they had continued to serve as Teachers in the Primary Schools.

Vacancy in the Board: Convention to fill.

Dr. Lyman offered the following:—

Whereas, it appears that a vacancy exists in this Board, occasioned by the resignation of Alex. H. Vinton, of Ward Seven, whose term of office will expire in January, 1859, ——— it is

Ordered, That a Convention of this Committee and the Mayor and Aldermen be holden in the Common Council Chamber, forthwith, for the purpose of filling the vacancy aforesaid, pursuant to law; and that notice be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen, of the time, place and purpose of the Convention. Read, and the order passed.

Report. Com. on Elections. on Credentials of new members.

Mr. Beck, from the Committee on Elections, reported, that the Committee had examined the Certificates of the following gentlemen, and found them correct; viz,

Ward 5. J. G. Wilbur, in place of William Howe.

" 9. John Newell.

" 11. Horatio R. Storer, in place of Norman C. Stevens.

The Report was read and accepted. Feb. 24. 1857.

A message was received from the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, concurring in the proposition for a Convention of the two Boards for the purpose of filling a vacancy. Thereupon, the Convention was held; and the ballots having been taken and counted for a person to fill the vacancy in Ward 7, occasioned by the resignation of Alexander H. Vinton, it appeared that Augustus Lowell was chosen. The Convention then dissolved; the business for which it was held having been accomplished. Convention held.

Mr. Lyman offered the following Order, and moved a suspension of the Rules for its passage:- Brimmer School. Pay of a substitute.

Ordered, That the sum of Fifty Dollars be allowed to Miss Helen M. Chaffee, as payment for a substitute employed during a period of ten weeks;- she having been incapacitated by sickness, for that length of time, from attending to her duties as instructer in the Brimmer School. The Rules were suspended and the Order passed.

On motion of Mr. Read, — Music in the Schools: Committee to consider.

Ordered, That a Committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the subject of Music, as taught in the public schools, and report thereon, what action, if any, is necessary. The Chair

Jul. 24. 1857. appointed as that Committee, Hosea Read, Thomas and Endicott.

Mr. E. Dickinson: pay for temp'y service. Mr. Leonard offered the two following Orders and moved their reference to the Committee on Salaries:-

Ordered, That the sum of $28.66 be paid to Mary E. Dickinson for services teaching the new Primary School in the Adams District, previous to the election of a teacher.

Adams School: pay for temp'y service. Ordered, That the sum of $13.00 be paid for supplying the place of the 2nd Master in the Adams School, previous to his appointment.

The Orders were read, and referred as above.

Miss M. Banks: pay for temp'y service. Mr. Wright offered the following:-

Ordered, That the sum of $45.34 be paid to Miss Eaton Banks for services as Teacher in the Chapman School, for eight weeks, from Oct. 25, 1856, to Dec. 20, 1856; also,

Mary J. Allen: pay for temp'y service. That the sum of $17.19 be paid to Mary J. Allen, for three weeks' services as Teacher in the Chapman School, from Dec. 1, to Dec. 21, 1856; also,

Mary F. Crosby: pay for temp'y service. That the sum of $11.46 be paid to Mary F. Crosby, for two weeks' services as Teacher in the Chapman School, from Dec. 22, 1856 to Jan. 5, 1857.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Alley, it was

Ordered, That a Committee of five persons be

appointed to consider the subject of the Supervision of "Schools for Special Instruction", with particular reference to the employment of male instructors in certain cases. The Chair appointed as that Committee, Messrs. Alley, Ellis, S. H. Bates, Eaton and Palmer of Ward 4.

Feb. 24. 1857. Supervision of Schools for Special Instruction.

Mr. Parker from the Committee on Text Books, offered the following Order;—

Ordered, That the Singing Books now in use in each School, or the Book called the "School-Bell," be the text-books on Music,—one or more of which books may be used in each School, at the discretion of its Sub-Committee. Read, and, on motion of Mr. Bates, of Ward 8, laid on the table.

Text Book on Music.

The Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred the Order to pay to Miss Helen Banks $43.84, to Miss Mary J. Allen $17.19, and to Miss Mary F. Crosby $11.46 for services in the Chapman School, Report, that the said Order ought to pass. For the Committee, E. Palmer Jr.

Read, accepted, and the order passed.

Report. Com^e. on Salaries: Pay. of Miss Banks. " Allen " Crosby.

Dr. Lyman offered the following;—

Ordered, That a Joint Committee, consisting of the Committee on School Houses, and two members of the Brimmer District Committee, be appointed to consider the expediency of making certain alterations in the Brimmer School House; said

Brimmer School House: Alterations in.

Feb. 24. 1857. alterations being requisite to the full efficiency of said School; and that this Committee be instructed to report to the next meeting of the Board.

Read and passed, and, by the Committee on School Houses, the Chair joined Messrs. Lyman and Skinner.

And there being, then, no further business, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen,
Secretary.

March 10. 1857.

A Special Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the tenth day of March, 1857 at 4 o'clock P.M. The President in the Chair.

Present,

The whole Board, except Messrs. Baker, Bates, of Ward 8, Bradbury, Dawes, Dyer, Emerson, Fox, Hall, Hemick, Lowell, Newell, Palmer, of Ward 2, Parker, (Francis E.) Parks, Putnam, Randall, Riley, Rolfe, Russell, Sanborn, Shaw, Simpson, Skinner and Sykes.

Members absent.

The Chair appointed Mr. Eaton upon the Committee on the English High School, and Mr. Lowell on the Committee on the Boylston School District, to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of Rev. Dr. Vinton as a member of the Board.

Vacancies filled in Committees on Eng. H. School & Boylston District

Nominations &c

Rebecca L. Duncan was nominated as Head Assistant in the Brimmer School.

Duncan

Lydia A. Beck was nominated as Assistant in the Wells School.

Beck

Sarah F. Train was nominated as Teacher of a Primary School in the Eliot District.

Train

The Committee on Salaries, to whom were referred two Orders, providing payment for temporary instruction in the Adams District, would report in favor of the adoption of the accompanying Orders, — the services named therein having been duly ren-

Report Com^e on Salaries on Orders to pay for

March 10. 1857. Acted. On the Committee, signed Henry A. Drake.

Company teaching. Miss Dickinson

Ordered, That the sum of $41.44 be paid to Mary E. Dickinson, for 1 month and 20 days' service as temporary teacher in the Adams District.

" Right

Ordered, That Jane M. Right be paid $14.56 for eight and days' services as temporary teacher in the Adams School. Read, accepted, and the Orders passed.

Report Committee on revising Rules & Regulations

Mr. Sanborn presented in print the Report of the Committee to revise the Rules and Regulations:—being City Document No. 18.

On motion of Dr. Lyman, amended by Mr. Wilson, the Report was taken up, and considered by Chapters, and was finally adopted, with but a slight alteration.

Alterations in Brimmer School-House: Report of Committee on.

The Committee on School Houses, with a Committee of the Brimmer School District, appointed at the last meeting, to consider the subject of an alteration in the Brimmer School House, beg leave to offer the following Order. For the Committee.

R. W. Cooper, Chairman.

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to alter the upper story of the Brimmer School House, so as to make a hall for exhibitions and for the Singing Classes;—the alteration to be made during the May Vacation, if possible.

Read and accepted, and the Order passed.

Dr. Thaxter offered the following:— March 10. 1857.

Ordered, That the sum of $48,00 be paid to Mrs. Rachel C. Mathes, — she having incurred that expense in providing a substitute during a sickness caused by her School Labors. Read, and refered to the Committee on Salaries.

Mrs. Mathes: Order to pay for her substitute.

Mr. Eaton offered the following:— Old Dwight School House: Alterations in.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make such alterations in the Old Dwight School House, on Concord Street, as may be deemed necessary to render it suitable for Grammar School purposes.

Read, and refered to the Committee on School Houses.

Dr. Miles offered the following: — Ann.l School Exhibitions & Festival: any changes expedient. Committee appd. to consider & report.

Ordered, That a Special Committee be appointed, consisting of five, to consider and report whether it is expedient to make any, and, if any, what, changes in the manner of holding the Annual School Exhibitions, and the School Festival.

Read and passed, and Messrs. Lothrop, Miles, F. E. Parker, Drake and Wright were appointed that Committee.

On motion of Mr. Tuttle, it was Ordered, That one thousand copies of the Rules of the School Committee and Regulations of the Public Schools of the City of Boston, together with the Organization of the Public Schools, and

Rules & Regulations to be printed. (1000 copies.)

March 10. 1857. the Boundaries of the Grammar School Sections, be printed for the use of this Board.

Thereupon, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

April 21. 1857. A Special Meeting of the School-Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall on Tuesday, April 21. 1857, at 4 o'clock P.M.

In the absence of the President of the Board, the President of the Common Council called the Meeting to order.

Present,

No Quorum. Messrs. Alley, Bates, Ward 5, Beck, Brewer, Coolman, Coolidge, Day, Dearborn, Eaton, Ellis, Hazelton, Hinckley, Hinman, Hooper, Lovell, Lyman, Mann, Mann, Putnam of Ward 4, Rand, Ricker, Randall, Russell, Shurtleff, Simpson, Tuckey, Upham, Weller, and the President of the Common Council. — 28.

At 4 o'clock and 20 minutes, it appearing that there was not a quorum present, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

May 5. 1857.

A Quarterly Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the fifth day of May, 1857, at 4 o'clock P.M. The President in the Chair.

Present,

Members absent.

The whole Board except Messrs. Alley, Baker, Cutter, Endicott, Dyer, Fox, Hazelton, Kennick, Homer, Kinner, Newell, Prof. Putnam, Rolfe, Russell, Skinner and Tyler.

Resignations of Mr. Kennick & Mr. Skinner.

The Chair read the resignations of J. E. Kennick, and Otis A. Skinner, as members of this Board, and the same were accepted.

Confirmations: Mitchell. Day.

Miss Huldah H. C. Mitchell and Mary L. Day were confirmed as Primary Teachers in the Chapman School District.

Nominations: Avery.

The following teachers were nominated as being on probation: viz, Helen W. Avery, Assistant in the Girls' High and Normal School.

Alden Twombly Holland Fuller Crane French

Adoniram Alden, Usher, Phebe J. Twombly, Head Assistant, and Mary L. Holland, Assistant, in the Boylston School. Sarah Fuller, teacher of a Primary School in the Boylston District.

Eliza R. Crane, Assistant in the Brimmer School.

Susan E. French, Assistant in the Wells School.

Report.

Mr. Beck, Chairman of the Committee on

May 5, 1857. Com^e on Elections

Elections reported that the Committee had examined the Certificate of Augustus Lowell, in place of Rev. Dr. Vinton, of Ward 7, resigned; and found the same correct. The Report was read and accepted.

Quarterly Reports.

The Quarterly Reports on the examination and condition of the Schools, were read by the respective Committees and were accepted by the Board.

Chapman District. New Primary School in.

On motion of Mr. Wright, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses consider the expediency of erecting a new Primary School House within the Chapman District.

Eliot School House; Alterations in.

On motion of Dr. Fabyan it was

Ordered, That a joint Committee, consisting of the Committee on School Houses and two members of the Eliot District Committee, be appointed to consider the expediency of making certain alterations in the Eliot School House; said alterations being requisite to the full efficiency of said School; — and that this Committee be instructed to report to the next meeting of this Board. To the Committee on School Houses the Chair joined Messrs. Fabyan and Dyer.

Lawrence School House: Ventilation of.

Mr. Porter offered the two following Orders; Ordered That the Committee on School-Houses be directed to consider the expediency of improving the defective Ventilation in the Lawrence School

House, and, if practicable, improve the same. Read & May 5. 1857.
passed.

Ordered, That the Primary School building on Athens Street, Lawrence District be surrendered to the Committee on on Public Buildings. - Referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers. Lawrence District: Surrender of Primary buildings.

Ordered, That a Catalogue of Books in the Lawrence Library Association be printed. Referred to the Committee on Accounts. Catalogue, Lawrence Association.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, -

Ordered, That a sum not exceeding Fifty Dollars be appropriated for the repair of portions of the Philosophical Apparatus of the English High School, and for the purchase of Materials for Experiments. English High School: appropriation for Phil: Apparatus & Experiments

Dr. Brewer offered the following:-

Ordered, That Chap. 8. Sect. 3d be amended by adding the following words; - and, provided further, that the masters of the Grammar Schools for Girls may keep school till one o'clock on days when the weather is such as, in their judgment, renders it expedient; and may dispense with the afternoon session on those days; and they shall keep a record of the days on which they have so dismissed, and shall report the same, quarterly, to the District Committee of their respective Schools, who shall insert the number of days in their Quarterly Reports to this Board. Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations. One session for Girls' Schools in stormy weather.

May 5. 1857. Bigelow Dist- ct Primary School in.

Ordered, That the Bigelow District Committee have authority to establish a new Primary School in that part of the District known as Washington Village.

Supt. of Schools: First Quarterly Report of.

The Superintendent of Public Schools submitted his first Quarterly Report, which was read by him, and, on motion of Dr. Lothrop, was referred to a special Committee consisting of Messrs. Lothrop, F. E. Parker, Duke, Ezra Palmer jr. and Stockbridge, to consider the suggestions and recommendations therein made, and report what action should be taken upon the same.

Report Committee on School Houses: Grammar School accommodations in Dwight District.

The Committee on School Houses beg leave to Report: That, owing to the great increase of population in the Southern section of the City, the new Dwight School House will no longer accommodate the scholars of that District; and that immediate steps should be taken to make more room for Grammar Scholars.

Your Committee, and the Committee of that District, are in favor of altering the old Dwight School House for the purpose. Without disturbing the exterior walls, that building can be so arranged as to give four rooms on each of the two lower stories, & two rooms and two rooms and a hall on the upper floor; each room to measure about 29 ft. by 26½ ft. and large enough to hold from 55 to 60 scholars.

This alteration will not involve a very large outlay, and can be made without great delay; which, under

the pressing urgency of the case, makes it the most desirable thing that can be done for the accommodation of the scholars of that district. May 3, 1857.

By the last official returns there were 477 boys and 352 girls in the Dwight School; since then, by report of the Superintendent of Schools, there is a total of 1004 scholars, or 152 more than the new building can accommodate.

Alterations in Lyman School House.

Your Committee have examined the Lyman School House at East Boston, in obedience to an order passed some months since, and beg leave to report that, in their opinion, it will not be advisable to alter that building: no satisfactory arrangement can be made of the interior, without disturbing the exterior walls; and the cost of such an alteration would be too great to justify it at the present time.

By the last official returns there were about 1340 Grammar Scholars in East Boston, and the number of seats in the three school houses is 2028, and might be made more; so that, on the score of school room, no change will probably be needed in that section of the city for some years to come. Your Committee are fully sensible, however, of the defective arrangement of the Lyman School house, compared with that of the modern buildings.

Winthrop District: Surrender of Primary Buildings.

Since the last meeting the Primary Schools in Court Street Court and Essex Place have been transferred to large, well ventilated rooms in the old Winthrop School House, in East Street; and, as the vacated build-

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ings will not probably be wanted again, your Committee recommend their relinquishment to the City Council.

For the Committee. R. M. Hooper.

Read and accepted, and the two following Orders accompanying the Report, were adopted; viz.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to alter the old Dwight School House, upon the plan proposed by this Committee, for a new Grammar School in the Eleventh Ward.

Ordered, That the vacated Primary School Houses in South St. Court and Essex Place, be relinquished to the City.

On motion of Dr. Lyman, it was

Voted, That, when this Board adjourn, it adjourn to Monday, the 18th instant.

Report, Com^ee on Salaries, on Order to pay Mrs Mathes for expenses of a substitute.

Mr. Drake read the Report of the Committee on Salaries, upon the Order proposing compensation to Mrs. Rachel C. Mathes, for expenses incurred by her in employing a substitute during her sickness.

The Report, recommending that the Order be not adopted, was accepted.

motion to reconsider lost.

Dr. Thacher subsequently moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Board accepted the Report; and twenty one members voting in the affirmative and twenty one voting in the negative, the motion was lost by the casting vote of the Chair.

Music.

Dr. Read, from the Special Committee on the subject

of Music in the Public Schools, reported progress, and asked leave for the Committee to report in print, and the same was granted. May 5. 1857. Com^ee to report in print.

On motion of Mr. A. D. Parker it was Voted, That the salary of Miss Sarah Fuller be paid to her from the date of her appointment to the first inst. Salary of Miss S. Fuller. Boylston Dist^t.

The following Order was referred to the Committee on Salaries:- Ordered, That the sum of 29 27/100 Dollars be paid to Miss Georgianna Treadwell, for four weeks' service as Teacher of Primary School No. 1 Lane Place, viz. from March 1st. to March 28. 1857. Order to pay Miss Treadwell. Boylston District.

On motion of Mr. Eaton, - Ordered, That the Committee on "Schools for Special Instruction" have leave to report in print. Comm. on Schools for Spec. Instruc^n to report in print

On motion of Dr. Cornell, it was Voted to proceed to the election of a Superintendent of Public Schools. Election of Superintendent of Schools

The Chair appointed Messrs. E. Palmer, Jr. Tuxbury, and Robbins a Committee to collect, count and report the votes, who reported the whole No. to be 48: necessary to a choice, 25: that Mr. J. D. Philbrick had 41, and Mr. George Eaton had Mr. Philbrick was declared elected.

On motion of Dr. Buck, it was Voted That the salary of the Superintendent of the Salary of Superint^dt

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Public Schools Twenty five hundred Dollars per annum.

Resignation of John Newell

Dr. Cornell read the resignation of Mr. John Newell, as a member of the School Committee, and the same was accepted.

Dr. Miles announced the death of Frederick Emerson Esq., a member of this Board, which took place at his residence, on Sunday, the 26th day of April last, and after paying a brief tribute to his memory, offered the following:—

Death of Frederick Emerson.

Mr. Frederick Emerson, a member of this Board, with which he has been connected for the most part of the time during the last twenty five years, having departed this life on the morning of the 26th of April last; the School Committee, at this its first session since that event, adopt the following Resolutions.—

Resolutions

1. That, with emotions of sincere grief, have we heard of the death of our associate, whose removal from this scene of our counsels, and from the labors in the schools, which he shared with us, we feel to be a loss to ourselves personally, and to the public interests entrusted to our charge.

2. That we call gratefully to mind, the long and eminent services he has rendered to the city, as an instructor of rare ability and success, as an author of ele-

mentary Treatises of great value in our Schools, and as a guardian of our public educational institutions, whose prosperity formed, for years, one of the chief objects of his thoughtful and unwearied care. May 5. 1857.

3. That, in this hour, when his separation from us is brought so freshly before our minds, it affords us peculiar satisfaction to remember the personal qualities which endeared him to all who knew him—an integrity of character which no man distrusted; a sincerity and heartiness of affection, seen at once by all who came close to him; a quick sympathy with everything generous, whose honest utterance was prompt and true; a sportive humor which enlivened our debates with the genial play of his shrewd observation and strong good sense.

4. That, for our own sakes, we may also make mention of the crowning excellence of his character, the good life of a Christian believer; and that we feel prompted by a spirit to which the memory of our friend now leads us, to express our own humble submission to the appointment of the Divine will.

5. That these Resolutions be entered upon the Records of this Board, and be published in the papers of the city.

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Dr. Ezra Palmer responded to the Resolutions giving a sketch of the life services and character of the deceased.

Appropriate remarks were also made by the Rev. Dr. Lothrop, and Rev. Dr. Robbins, on whose motion it was voted to request a copy of the sketch read by Dr. Palmer, to be printed in connection with the Resolutions.

The question was then taken upon the Resolutions, and they were unanimously adopted.

Thereupon, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

J. Barnard Jepson, Secretary.

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An adjourned Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Monday, the 18th day of May, 1857, at four o'clock P.M. The President of the Common Council in the Chair.

Present:

The entire Board, except Messrs. Gilman, Galbreath, Drake, Dyer, Fox, Hazelton, Hill, Homer, Lovell, A.D. Parker, Parks, Putnam, Robbins, Sanborn, Simpson, Stone, Sykes, Tuckey, Upham, and the President of the Board.

Confirmations: Sparrell

Georgianna E. Sparrell was confirmed as an Assistant in the Winthrop School.

Swift

Eliza F. Swift was confirmed as Head Assistant in the Hancock School.

Nomination: Halstick

Anna F. Halstick was nominated as an Assistant in the Dwight School.

Winthrop District: New Primary School in.

Dr. Brewer offered the following:-

Ordered, That the Committee of the Winthrop School District be authorized to establish an additional Primary School in the Old Winthrop School-House. Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Report Com. on Supervision & Instruction in

Dr. Alley presented in print, being City Doc. No. 43,- the Report of the Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Supervision of Schools for Special Instruction; and moved that

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it be laid upon the table; which Motion was adopted.

(The Report recommended the passage of the following Order: viz:— Ordered, That Section 5th, Chapter 9th, of the Rules and Regulations of the School Committee, be hereby rescinded.)

Report of Special Com. on the visit of Inspection of the Superintendent.

Dr. Lothrop presented in print, ~~being City Doc. No. 45.~~ the Report of the Special Committee, to whom was referred the first Quarterly Report of the Superintendent of Public Schools, to consider and report on the suggestions and recommendations therein contained.":

The Committee submitted the following Resolutions and Orders for the consideration of the Board:—

Classification of Primary Schools

1. Resolved, That this Board recommend to the District Committees to classify the Primary Schools in their Districts, as far and as fast as circumstances will permit.

Seats & Desks for Primary Schools: Kidder's Rules.

2. Resolved, That this Board recommend to the District Committees to see that the Order passed on the 13th of May, 1856, is carried out, and seats & desks with Holbrook's Slates, be introduced, as fast as practicable, into each of the Primary Schools under their charge.

Manual of Primary School Instruction.

3. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Schools be directed to prepare a Manual of Primary School Instructions of the kind suggested in his late Quarterly Report; and that, when prepared and

published he be requested to give explanations and lec- May 18. 1859.
tures, in connection with it, at such times as he may
select, and to such numbers of the Primary School teach-
ers as can conveniently be assembled for the purpose.

4. Ordered, That the increase in the Books of Reference Books of
to be furnished to each School, recommended by the Reference.
Superintendent, be referred to the Committee on Text-
Books.

5. Ordered, That the recommendation of the Superin- Eng. High &
tendent — that the number limited and required Girls' High &
into the English High and the Girls' High & Normal Schools:
Schools, from each of the Grammar Schools, be inserted Numbers en-
in this Board, and not published in the Journal be- tered from Gram-
fore — be referred to the Committee on Rules and mar Schools to be
Regulations. reported to the
On motion of Dr. Buck, the Report was laid upon Board.
the table and ordered to be printed for the use of
the Board.

The resignation of Rev. Chandler Resignation
Robbins, as a member of this Board, was read by the of Mr. Robbins.
Chair, and was accepted.

Dr. Leyman offered the following:— Vacancies
Whereas, it appears that vacancies exist in this in the
Board, occasioned by the death of Philemon Emerson Board.
of Ward 5, whose term of office will expire, Jany. 1858,
and by the resignations of Chandler Robbins, Ward
6, whose term of office expires Jany. 1859, & Silas T. Tain-

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men, of Ward 9, whose term of office expires Jan'y, 1858, John Lovell, of Ward 9, whose term of office expires Jan'y, 1860, and Ezekiel Nichols, of Ward 11, whose term of office expires Jan'y, 1859, it is Ordered, That notice be sent to the Board of Mayor & Aldermen, proposing a Convention to be holden in the Common Council Chamber forthwith, for the purpose of filling the vacancies aforesaid pursuant to law; and that notice be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen of the time, place, and purpose of the Convention.

Sundry motions to amend the Order, to commit, and to amend the Rules of the Board, were made and rejected; when, on motion of Dr. Palmer, it was

Voted, That, when the Board adjourn, it be to meet four weeks from this day.

The Order of Dr. Lyman was then amended by substituting for the word "forthwith," the words "four weeks from this day, at 4 o'clock P.M.," and was then adopted. A Message was afterwards received from the Board of Aldermen, stating that that Board concurred in the foregoing proposition.

Winthrop District: New Primary School in.

Dr. Cooper, from the Committee on School Houses, offered the following Order, which was read, & passed:-

Ordered, That a new Primary School be established in the Winthrop School District, and that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to furnish a vacant room in the East Street School House for a Primary School.

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On motion of Mr. Eaton,

Ordered, That a sum not exceeding twenty two (22) Dollars be appropriated for re-binding a copy of the London Encyclopedia, in 22 volumes, belonging to the Dwight School.

Dwight School. Encyclopedia to be re-bound.

On motion of Mr. Bates of Ward 8, the Board, under a suspension of the Rules, reconsidered the vote whereby it accepted the Report of the Committee on Salaries, made at the meeting of May 5th. It was then, on motion of the same gentleman, Ordered, That the Report of the Committee on Salaries, upon the Order to pay Mrs. Rachel C. Mather for the expenses incurred by her for a substitute during her sickness, together with the opinion of the City Solicitor of Feb. 3d. 1857, on the legal right of the School Committee to pay for the services of substitute teachers, be printed for the use of the Board.

Report of Com. on Salaries on paying Mrs. Mather, to be printed.

Dr. Lothrop offered an Order making provision in reference to the manner of filling vacancies in the School Committee; - pending the consideration of which, in the absence of a quorum, the meeting adjourned.

Attest:

Samuel Eaton,
Secretary.

June 15. 1857.

A Meeting of the School-Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall by adjournment, on Monday, the fifteenth day of June 1857, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Present.

Members absent.

All of the members except Messrs. Baker, Bates of Ward 5, Bates of Ward 8, Bradbury, Codman, Cudworth, Eyer, Fox, Hazelton, Hill, Lothrop, Lowell, Lyman, Mavrin, F.E. Parker, Parks, Rev. Putnam, Randall, Upham, the President of the Board, and the President of the Common Council.

In the absence of the regular presiding officers of the Board, Dr. Palmer of Ward 4, the oldest member by election, called the Meeting to order, and appointed Messrs. Shaffer, Stockbridge and Wilbur a Committee to collect and report the votes for a Chairman.

The Committee reported, when it appeared that no gentleman had the requisite number of votes, and the Board proceeded to a second ballot, which resulted in the choice of Dr. Ezra Palmer Jr.

Confirmations. Sarah F. Train was confirmed as a Primary Teacher

Train in the Elot District.

Snow Amanda Snow was nominated as on probation in the Primmer School.

Lamb Caroline L. Lamb was nominated as a Primary Teacher on probation in the Dwight District.

Goodrich Sarah C. Goodrich was nominated as on probation in

the a School for Special Instruction in the Eliot District. June 15. 1857.
Fannie E. Jennison was nominated as on probation in a Jennison.
Primary School in the Winthrop District.

On motion of Dr. Alley, the Report of the Special Committee on the subject of the Supervision of Schools for Special Instruction was taken from the table. (page 3141) The proposition contained in the Report, for rescinding Section 5th of Chapter 9, of the Rules and Regulations, was, on motion of Mr. Simpson, referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations Report on Supervision of Schools for Special Instruction.

Agreeably to notice, a Convention with the Aldermen and Aldermen was held for the purpose of filling the vacancies in this Board. Convention to fill vacancies.

His Honor the Mayor, having stated the object of the Convention, called the attention of the members to the Act of the Legislature, of May 20, 1857, which Act, in accordance with the Opinion of the City Solicitor, which was presented and read, renders any further proceedings under the former Statute, illegal.

Whereupon, on motion of Alderman Tenney, the Convention dissolved.

Mr. Read presented, in print, - being City Doc. No. 44. - the Report of the Committee on the subject of "Music as taught in the Public Schools." Report Com'ee on Music.

The Committee submitted the following Orders:-

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Ordered, That the study and practice of Vocal Music, as part of the system of public instruction, be authorised by this Board; and that two half-hours each week in the Grammar Schools, and such time in the Primary Schools as shall be sufficient, be devoted to it.

Ordered, That the pupils shall receive the same credits for proficiency and undergo the same examinations, as obtains in other studies pursued in the Schools.

Ordered, That Singing constitute a part of the opening and closing exercises of the Primary Schools; and that in the Grammar Schools, the morning session be opened and the afternoon session closed with appropriate singing; and that, in addition to the instruction already given by the Music teacher to the first and second classes, musical notation, the singing of the scale, and exercises in reading simple music be practised twice a week by the lower classes, under the instruction of the Assistant Teachers.

Ordered, That it shall be the duty of the Music Teacher, for the time being, at the Girls' High and Normal School, to give such instruction to the pupils of that institution as shall qualify them to teach Vocal Music in our Public Schools.

Ordered, That a Standing Committee be appointed, to consist of five members, whose duty it shall be to nominate to the Board, for confirmation, suitable qualified persons as teachers of Music; exercise a

general supervision, and make examinations of each Gram- June 15. 1857.
mar School, in Music, at least once in a quarter; and,
at each quarterly meeting of the Board, submit a report
in writing, giving the results of their examinations.

On motion of Mr. Read the above Order was referred
to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom One session
was referred the Order of Nov. 5th, providing for a on Stormy
change of the Regulations, so as to allow the Masters days in
of the Grammar Schools for Girls to extend the Girls' Schools.
first session and dispense with the afternoons
of their respective Schools when the inclemency
of the weather is such as, in their judgment, shall
render it expedient, respectfully Report, That, in
their judgement, the proposed alteration is expedi-
ent; and they therefore recommend that the 3d
Section of Chapter 8th of the Regulations be amend-
ed by making the addition contemplated in the
Order.

For the Committee,

G. W. Tuxbury, Chairman.

Dr. Buck moved that the Order be amended
so as to apply to those Schools composed of both
sexes; and the question being taken upon this
amendment, it was not adopted.

The question then being upon the original Order
(page 305) it was rejected.

Mr. Drake read the Report Report of
of the Committee on Salaries, on the order to pay Com. on Salaries.

June 15, 1857. Georgiana Industrial Institute and School.

Miss Georgiana Bradwell ($29.25) for four weeks' services as Primary teacher in the Boylston District. Committee recommended the passage of the Order, amended so as to read $23.00 instead of $29.25; and the Order, thus amended, passed.

Boylston Dist. Committee: Chairman of.

Mr. Hampton from the Boylston School District Committee reported that that Committee had made choice of Chas. Sabine, Jr. as Chairman, in place of Rev. Chandler Robbins resigned.

Chapman School premises: - additional land to.

Mr. Wright offered the following:-

Ordered, That the lot of land lying directly North of the Chapman School House, and containing about ten thousand feet, be added to the premises of the Chapman School, - as the said lot may now be purchased on advantageous terms, and the present premises of said School are rendered insufficient. Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

S. K. Southard's bill for services in Winthrop School.

Mr. Rust presented a bill of Mr. S. K. Southard for services for one quarter, as Teacher of Music in the Winthrop School, and moved its reference to the Committee on Salaries; and it was so referred.

Mayhew Dist. New Primary School in.

Mr. Homans offered the following:- Ordered, That a new Primary School be established in the Mayhew School District. Read,

and referred to the Committee on School Houses. June 15, 1857.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses consider the expediency of putting a furnace into the Primary School House, new of 22 Chestnut St. — Furnace for Primary building in Chestnut St.

On motion of Mr. Wright the Board reconsidered the vote whereby it accepted the resignation of Rev. Chandler Robbins as a member of the School Committee. — Reconsideration of acceptance of Mr. Robbins's resignation.

On motion of Dr. Cooper, —

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to give public notice of the vacancies that exist in this Board. That a Convention of this Board with the Board of Aldermen be called to meet two weeks from this day, July 6th, to fill the said vacancies. — Vacancies in the Board.

On motion of Dr. Baxter the Board reconsidered the vote whereby the Order was adopted authorising the Bigelow District Committee to establish a new Primary School in that District. It was then Voted to indefinitely postpone the Order. — New Primary School in Bigelow Dist. — Vote reconsidered.

Thereupon, no quorum being present, the Board adjourned. — No quorum.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

June 22, 1857

A Special Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Monday, the 22nd day of June, 1857, at 4 o'clock P.M. The President in the Chair.

Members present

Present.

The roll was called, except Messrs. Beck, Bradbury, Euclid, Edmonds, Drake, Dyer, Eaton, Fox, Hall, Hazelton, Hill, Homer, Hooper, Leonard, Mannix, Nelson of Ward 3, P.E. Parker, Porter, Putnam, Randall, Robbins, Rolfe, Russell, Sanborn, Shaw, Simpson, Stockbridge and Sykes.

Business Committee

The Chair appointed Mr. Lowell upon the Business School District Committee.

Object of the Meeting.

The Chair then stated that the object for which the Board had been called together was to correct an Order passed at the last Meeting, in reference to filling the vacancies in the Board.

Vacancies:- convention to fill proposed.

Dr. Lyman offered the following:-

Whereas, Vacancies exist in this body, occasioned by the death of Frederick Emerson of Ward 5, whose term of office expires in January, 1858, - by the resignations of Otis A. Skinner of Ward 9, whose term of office expires in January, 1858, of John C. Newell of Ward 3, whose term of office expires in January, 1860, - of J. Everett Kimball of Ward 11, whose term of office expires in January, 1859, it is Ordered, That

a message be sent to the Mayor & Aldermen, pro- June 22. 1857.
posing a Convention of both Boards on Monday,
July 6th, 1857, at 4 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of
filling said vacancies. Passed, and duly trans-
mitted.

Mr. Dawes offered the following:- Hawes School
Ordered, That an additional Primary School be District:
established in the Hawes School District. Referred new Primary
to the Committee on School Houses. School in

The same gentleman also presented a petition Hawes School:
signed by N.P. Mann, Benj. James and about new Building
260 others, - parents &c. in the Hawes District, - asked for.
asking this Board to take measures for the
erection of a new Grammar School House; and
offered the following Order:- Ordered, That the
City Council be requested to furnish a new
Building for the accommodation of the Hawes
Grammar School; and to alter the old School-
House on Broadway, for the use of Primary
Schools belonging to the Hawes & Bigelow Districts.
Refered to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Plimpton, Text-Books:
Ordered That the Committee on Text-Books Legislation Acts
consider and report what action may be proper relating to
to be taken under the provisions of Chapter
206, of the Legislative Acts of the present year.

A message was received from the Board

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Convention to fill vacancies upon the Board: Notice of to be given.

of Aldermen, concerning in the proposition of this Board, made this day, for a Convention of the two Boards for the purpose specified in said proposition: Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Lyman, it was

Ordered, That the Trustees give public notice that vacancies exist in this Body, caused by the decease of Frederick Emerson of Ward 5, the resignations of Otis Thurston and John Newell of Ward 9, and of J. Everett Kenrick of Ward 11; and that a meeting will be held for the purpose of filling those vacancies for the remainder of this Municipal year, by the School Committee and the Mayor and Aldermen, in Convention assembled, on Monday the 6th day of July next, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Vacancies of Teachers for ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Wilbur, -

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries be instructed to consider the subject of the Salaries of Teachers for the ensuing School year and to report a list for the same, at the annual Meeting in July.

Drawing; subject referred to a Special Committee.

On motion of Mr. Haynes, it was

Ordered, That a Committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the subject of Drawing, as at present taught in the Grammar Schools, and to report whether the efficiency of the instruction in that branch cannot be increased.

The Chair appointed as that Committee,

Messrs. Haynes, Eaton, and F. E. Parker. June 22. 1857.

On motion of Dr. Shurtleff, — School
Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to make Festival.
the necessary and proper arrangements for the An- Committee
nual School Festival. Voted that the Com- on.
mittee consist of five. The Chair appointed the
following gentlemen; viz. Messrs. Niles, Shurt-
leff, Drake, Bradbury and Burbee.

Confirmations.

Rebecca L. Duncan was confirmed as Head- Duncan.
Assistant in the Brimmer School.

Clara H. Nickerson was confirmed as an Nickerson.
Assistant in the Eliot School.

And the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Bernard Capen,
Secretary.

July 6. 1857.

A Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Monday, the sixth day of July, 1857, at Half-past 2 P.M. The President of the Common Council in the Chair.

Present

Absent Members.

The entire Board except Messrs. Baker, Coolman, Drake, Haynes, Homer, Lowell, Mavrin, Peirce of Ward 4, Parks, Porter, Reed, Stockbridge, Sykes, and the President.

Convention held to fill Vacancies in the Board.

Agreeably to previous notice, a Convention was held with the Mayor and Aldermen for the purpose of filling the vacancies in this Board. (See page 326.) Alderman Sumner, and Messrs. Tuttle and Putnam were appointed a Committee to collect and report the votes; and the Convention proceeded to ballot to fill the vacancy in Ward 5; — when it appeared that the whole No. of votes was 59; that John F. Jarvis had 56, and was elected. Proceeded to ballot to fill the vacancies in Ward 9; — when it appeared that the whole No. of votes was 61; that E. Baker Welch had 52, and Edward K. Annunton 55; and they were duly chosen. The Convention then proceeded to fill the vacancy in Ward 11: when it appeared that the whole No. of votes was 64: necessary for a choice 33. Henry Burroughs, Jr. had 31, Francis J. Parker had 28. A. A. Ranney 5, and there

was no choice. Proceeded to a second ballot, with the following result:- whole No. of votes, 66: Necessary for a choice 34. Henry Burroughs jr. had 32. Francis J. Parker 26. A. A. Ranney 8; and there was no choice. Proceeded to a third ballot. Whole No. of ballots 67: Necessary for a choice 34. Henry Burroughs jr. had 26. Francis J. Parker 16. A. A. Ranney 18. Henry Burroughs 6. Burroughs 1.- and there was no choice. The Board then proceeded to a fourth ballot, with the following result. Whole No. of votes 67: Necessary for a choice 34. Henry Burroughs jr. had 35. A. A. Ranney 15. Francis J. Parker 17; and Mr. Burroughs was accordingly declared to be elected. July 6. 1857.

The business of the Convention then having been accomplished, the two Boards separated.

The Chair read a communication from the City Council, tendering to the School Committee the use of the Steamer Henry Monison for an excursion among the Islands in the Harbor. Excursion.

Mr. Bates of Ward 8 moved that the subject be referred, with full power, to a Special Committee.

Dr. Connell offered the following as a substitute for Mr. Bates's motion: viz. Voted, That the thanks of this Board be presented to the City Council, for their courtesy extended to the School Committee, in providing an opportunity for us to take an excursion down the Harbor; and that we respectfully decline the offer. Mr. Tenney offered the

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following amendment, viz. Resolved, That this Board deem it appropriate to avail themselves of the opportunity offered to take an Excursion among the Islands of the Harbor, and that a Committee of five be appointed, with full powers, to make the necessary arrangements for the excursion;— and the question being taken upon the same it was rejected. The question then being on the Resolution offered by Dr. Connell, it was adopted.

Franklin School House Building for

Mr. Randall offered the following preamble and Resolution:—

Whereas a vote of the School Committee was passed July 1. 1856, and transmitted to the City Council, requesting them to erect a new School House for the Franklin School, on the reserved lot of land at the Corner of Hettia and Ringgold Streets,— the action upon which was not completed by the last City Government; and whereas, it is expedient that the present Board of School Committee should express their desires upon this subject; it is, therefore, Resolved, That the Board fully concur in the Order of the School Committee passed July 1. 1856, and respectfully request the City Council to take immediate measures to have the same carried into effect. A motion, by Dr. Russell, to refer the subject to the Committee on School Houses, was lost. The preamble and Resolution were then adopted.

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Chapman School premises: additional land for.

Hawes District: New Primary School in.

Lectures for the Latin, English & Girls' High & Normal Schools.

Report of Committee on First Quarterly Report of Superintendent.

Dr. Hooper, from the Committee on School Houses reported the following Orders, and the same were adopted; viz. Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase the lot of land South of the Chapman School House, in East Boston, to be added to the premises of that building, if, in their opinion, said lot can be bought on satisfactory terms.

Ordered, That a new Primary School be established in the Hawes School District.

Dr. Russell offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committees of the Latin, English High, and Girls' High and Normal Schools be authorized to procure Lectures to be given to the pupils of those Schools, at a compensation not to exceed the sum of One hundred Dollars for each course.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Dr. Loth[illegible],

Voted to take from the table the Report, in print, City Doc. No. 46, - of the Special Committee on the First Quarterly Report of the Superintendent of Public Schools. The Resolutions and Orders therein recommended were severally adopted; - the third proposition having been amended by inserting, after the word prepared, in the fourth line, the words "and approved by this Board" (see page 314.)

July 6. 1857. Brimmer, Dwight, & Hills Dist. Committees: Vacancies filled

The Chair made the following appointments to fill vacancies in the Committees named:- viz. Mr. Melchland & Mr. Immidown on the Brimmer School District Committee. Mr. Burroughs on the Dwight School District Committee. Mr. Jamison the Hillis School Dist. Committee.

Nominations &c. Halstick.

Miss Anna F. Halstick was confirmed as an Assistant in the Dwight School.

Chevington

Miss Jane M. Chevington was nominated as an Assistant, on probation, in the Bigelow School; services commencing June 12. 1857.

Ellis

Miss Josephine H. Ellis was nominated as a Primary Teacher, on probation, in the Dwight School District.- services commencing June 15. 1857.

And the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen
Secretary.

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A Special Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Monday, the 20th day of July, 1857 at Five o'clock P.M. The President in the Chair.

Present,

Absent Members.

The whole Board except Messrs. Baker, Coolidge, Dyer, Hazelton, Homer, Lothrop, Mann, Miner, Parks, Simpson, Stone, and the President of the Common Council.

Hancock School.

On motion of Dr. Buck, it was

Ordered, That Harriet D. Leman, Caroline Dow, and Mary E. Burgess be restored, at the commencement of the next school year, to the full privileges of the public schools of this city, of which they, with two others, have been deprived by vote of this Board (on the recommendation of the Hancock School District Committee) for nearly a year.

Pupils restored to privileges.

Tuant Scholars: Quarterly Returns of to the Mayor.

A communication from the City Council, requesting the School Committee to make quarterly Returns to the Mayor, of all the tuant scholars placed in the public schools by the Tuant officers, was read and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Annual Election of Teachers.

On motion of Dr. Palmer of Ward 4. Voted to proceed to the annual election of Teachers; — the election of Subordinate Teachers to be deferred until after the election of Masters.

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Election of masters.

The following is the result of the balloting for masters of the several High and Grammar Schools:—

Latin School	Francis Gardner
English High School	Thomas Sherwin
Girls' High & Normal School	William H. Seavey
Adams School	Daniel H. Ruthven
Bigelow School	Joseph Wait
Bowdoin School	Daniel C. Brown
Boylston School	Charles Kimball
Brimmer School	Joshua Bates
Chapman	John P. Averill
Dwight, for Boys	James A. Page
Dwight, for Girls	George B. Hyde
Eliot	Samuel W. Mason
Franklin	Samuel G. Gould
Hancock	George Allen Jr.
Hawes	Samuel Barrett
Lawrence	Josiah F. Stearns
Lyman	Hosea H. Lincoln
Mayhew	Samuel Swan
Phillips	James Savage
Quincy	Charles C. Valentine
Wells	Reuben Swan Jr.
Winthrop	Robert Swan

The Board then proceeded to choose the subordinate teachers in the High and the Grammar Schools, and the teachers of the Primary Schools in

the several Districts, with the following result: —	July 20. 1857.	
Latin School. Charles J. Capen, William R. Dimmock, Edwin J. Gibbens and Leonard Parker, Masters. Fred'k D. Williams, Teacher of Drawing. N. B. Mc De Monlucky, Teacher of French.	Election of Subordinate & Primary Teachers.	
English High School. Luther Robinson and Francis E. Emerson, Sub Masters. Luther H. Anderson & Ephraim Hunt, Masters. Fred'k D. Williams, Teacher of Drawing. G. De Fontenay, Teacher of French.		
Girls' High and Normal School. Mary A. Currier, Head Assistant. Harriet E. Eayl, Maria A. Bacon, Caroline E. Spaniell, Margaret A. Badger & Helen W. Avery, Assistants. Wm. I. Bartholomew, Teacher of Drawing. Julius Wachsut, Teacher of French.	Girls' High & Normal School.	
Adams School. Robert E. Metcalf, Sub Master, Jane T. Tower and Mary L. Boulton, Head Assistants. Lucy A. Higgin, Charlotte L. Stockwell, Eliza A. Higgin, Sarah J. D. Ivey and Hannah Chadbourn, Assistants. Charles Butler, Teacher of Music.	Adams.	
Primary Schools - Adams School District. - Susan H. M. Swan, Elizabeth Lincoln, Louisa Ball, Sarah Higgin, Elizabeth N. Allen, Frances H. Redding, Susan D. Wilde, Helen A. Plumley	Primary.	
Bigelow School. Julia E. Baxter, Belinda Jane & Rachel E. Mather, Head Assistants. Martha C. Jones, Elizabeth Williams, Mary E. Fay, and Ellen L. Hiscock, Assistants. Caroline E. Rice, Writing Teacher. Albert Drake, Teacher of Music.	Bigelow	
Primary Schools, Bigelow District. Annie E. Gill.	Primary.	

July 20. 1857 Elizabeth A. Cross, Sarah E. Manning, Tilla Ann Balcom, Ruth J. Dillaway, Adeline M. Sheldon and Emeline L. Tolman.

Bowdoin Bowdoin School. Mary L. Hendrick, Rebecca Lincoln and Nancy Ann Smith, Head Assistants. Mary L. Robinson, Hannah L. Andrews, Elizabeth B. Litchfield, Martha A. Tasker, Sarah R. Andrews, Mary A. Proctor, Mary M. Clapp, and Sophia B. Hoar, Assistants. Charles Butler, Teacher of Music.

Primary Primary Schools Bowdoin District. — Lucy A. Clark, Mary A. Howe, E. Eliza Mason, Charlotte A. Curtis, L. Elizabeth Adams, Marianne Stephens, F. D. R. Whitman, Lydia A. Woodward, Sarah A. Cushing, Rebecca R. Thayer, Harriet N. Pike & Malvenda N. Parker.

Boylston Boylston School. William T. Adams, Sub Master. Phebe J. Twombly, Head Assistant. Clarinda B. S. Treadwell, Ellen M. L. Treadwell, Maria A. Moulton, Rosetta M. Hodges, Mary L. Smith, Caroline Leavitt, Sarah E. Moulton, Ellen M. Kendig, Sarah J. Knight, and Mary L. Kelland, Assistants. Eliza A. Baxter, Teacher of Sewing. Charles Butler, Teacher of Music.

Primary Primary Schools Boylston District. — A. E. A. Treadwell, Margaret L. Hoffman, Maria H. Austin, Eliza C. Lynde, Mary E. Tenney, Lucy M. Parker, Emily Austin, Maria B. Clapp, Celeste Wood, H. Isabella Hopkins, Adelia E. Edwards, Sarah Fuller, Angelia M. Newmarch, Celeria C. Hurd, Maria J. Coburn, Julia B. Leonard, Anna M. Le Cain, Henrietta B. Fuller, Lydia B. Peck.

Bunman School:- Frederick A. Tenney, Sub Master, Wil- July 20. 1857
liam L. P. Boardman, Usher, Rebecca L. Duncan, Head As-
sistant. Mary E. Beck, Mary C. M. Knight, Margaret Bunmer.
G. Knight. Ellen B. Cunningham, Augusta R. Munn,
Susan P. Cunningham, & Helen H. Chaffee. Assistants.
Edwin Bruce, Teacher of Music.

Primary Schools. Bunmer District; Elizabeth C. Good- Primary.
ridge, Ellen F. Andrews, Sarah R. Bowles, Mary B.
Swett, Dorcas B. Baldwin, Deborah K. Burgess, Melissa
Bourne, Cath. M. E. Richardson, Rebecca J. Weston,
Sarah E. Gillespie, Priscilla G. Tyler, Eliza E. Poster.

Chapman School. - Albert G. Boyden, Sub Master, Chapman.
Estelle Dixon and Thirza Wright, Head Assistants.
Adeline E. Clapp, Mary E. Norton, Elizabeth F.
Dickason, Annie E. Walker, Mary Stone, Helen M.
Caldwell and Mary A. H. Pingree, Assistants.

Primary Schools. Chapman District; - Hannah F. Eaton, Primary.
Louisa Curtis, Lucretia B. Foster, Huldah H. Mitchell,
Mary D. Day, Emily E. Sturtevant, Jane E. Beale, Susan
C. Macreading, Sarah F. Pratt, Mary E. Morse, Mary
C. Smith, Mary E. Dickinson.

Dwight School for Boys: J. Frank Bailey, Usher. Dwight.
Anna E. Ellis, Head Assistant. Lucretia T. Josselyn,
Minnie F. Hodges, Eliza E. Gould, Emmaret J. Bailey,
Martha M. Hobbs, Janet M. Brighton, Caroline F. Bar-
and Anna F. Hasbrick, Assistants.

Dwight School for Girls: - Eliza A. Harding, Head-
Assistant. Louisa Tucker, Susan E. Green, Emma
G. Wright, Frances A. Keller, Janet M. Brighton,

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and Ann J. Bolden, Assistants. Eleanor L. Brown, Teacher of Sewing.

Primary. Primary Schools, Dwight Dist.

Eliza G. Snell, Augusta F. Davis, Mary F. Moore, Jane P. Fitcomb, Henrietta Draper, Betsey H. Hazen, Clara B. Gould, Mary A. Hall, and Elizabeth Newman.

Eliot. Eliot School. McLaurin F. Cooke, Principal, Lucian Hunt Merrick, Abby A. Mason, Head Assistant. Sophia Shepard, Fanny R. Richardson, Sarah F. Jones, Emily Whitmore, Elizabeth H. Farmer, Caroline A. Cornell, Emma E. Dyke, Frances E. Bodge, Belinda Taylor, Angeline M. Cole, and Clara H. Nickerson, Assistants. Charles Butler, Teacher of Music.

Primary. Primary Schools, Eliot District; - Sarah F. Train, Harriet F. Boody, Sarah C. Chevillier, Louisa Myers, Clarissa Davis, Cornelia A. Adams, Susan A. Vose, Louisa A. Leavitt, Mary A. Cushing, Eliza Brintnall, Sarah Ripley, Susan M. Fisher, E. Isabella Jenkins, Helen M. Warner, and Maria A. Gibbs.

Franklin. Franklin School. Catharine F. Simonds, Abba A. Johnson, Charlotte McCrone, Head Assistants. Sarah F. Fuller, Mary J. Finch, Mary A. Mitchell, Elizabeth C. Bradbury, Elizabeth J. Brown, Abby L. Ingalls and Harriet A. Russell, Assistants. Maria S. Wilcott, Teacher of Sewing.

Primary. Primary Schools. - Franklin District, - Jane S. Howard. Susan M. Chaffee, Abbie H. Sweetser, Helen E. Eaton, Emeline J. Brown, Josephine G. Whipple, Ellen Wright, H. M. Paton, Lucy M. Beck, Caroline

Hollis, Eliza A. Ann Tindall, K. A. Coolidge & Eliza J. Gyo. July 20. 1857
Hancock School. Thomas G. Hammond, Principal, Eliza J. Swift, Head Assistant. Henrietta L. Pierce, Hancock.
Sarah E. White, M. R. Brigham, Achsah Barnes, Mary L. Gale, Angelina A. Brigham, Mary J. Mason, Emily C. Spencer, & Frances Hinmarsh, Assistants. Mary A. McKay, Teacher of Sewing.
Primary Schools, Hancock District. - Elizabeth R. Primary.
Potter, Sarah L. Shepard, Sarah F. Ellis, Nancy B. Carver, Mary E. Kelly, Emily A. Forbush, Elizabeth F. Pope, Margaret W. Hall, Sarah F. Whitmore, Harriet B. Rice, Cordelia R. Read, Martha F. Bailey, Mary B. Viles, Susan Page, Anna E. Page, Betsey L. Cassedy, and Anna K. Burns.
Hawes School. - Charles A. Morrill, Sub-Master, Hiram F. Clarke, Usher. Mary E. Balch, Head Assistant. Martha A. Denton, Myra F. Butterfield and Laura Bartlett, Assistants. Abial Drake, Teacher of Music.
Primary Schools, Hawes School District; - Cynthia H. Primary.
Sears, Caroline S. Burrill, Elizabeth T. Dodge, Mary H. Faxon, Elizabeth S. Kettell, and Susan W. Smith.
Lawrence School. Henry E. Haraden, Sub-Master, Lawrence.
L. F. Bradley, Head Assistant. Lucy Floyd, Margaretta A. Moody, Alice Cooper, Kate Towne, E. F. Jeffords, Mary J. Newmarch, Olive M. Jeffords, Marie A. Rice, Mary J. Meader, Mary L. Dillaway, and Linda E. Richards. Sarah J. Bliss, Teacher of Sewing. Abial Drake, Teacher of Vocal Music.
Primary Schools, - Lawrence District, Lucinda Smith. Primary.

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Hannah A. Horton, Mary E. Fox, Lucy B. Howard, Mary A. Macnair, Martha A. Smith, Rebecca H. Bird, Mary R. Davis, Susan J. Pierce, Mary Linnell, Sarah K. Glover, and Anna R. Thornton.

Lyman

Lyman School. James S. Blackinton, Sub Master, Mary J. Pierce, Mary O. Bullock, Head Assistant, Emeline French, Cordelia Lothrop, Mary A. Turner, Amelia H. Pitman, Fanny R. Edmunds, Eliza S. Russell, and Clara A. Crosby, Assistants.

Primary

Primary Schools, - Lyman District. - Hannah L. Hanson, Marion H. Atkins, Angeline E. Endicott, Hannah C. Atkins, Emily C. Morse, Rosa L. Rose, Ellen L. Morse, Amelia A. Wesley.

Hayden

Hayden School. Alfred Hewins, Sub Master, Quincy E. Dickerman, Usher, Emily A. Moulton, Head Assistant. Samuel Swan, Music Teacher of Music. Elizabeth L. Hunt, Elizabeth P. Hopkins, Sarah H. Copeland, Adeline F. Cutler, Caroline H. Rice, and Helen M. Parson, Assistants.

Primary

Primary School, Hayden District; - Catherine W. Callender, Mary E. Parker, Pamelia Stevens, Caroline H. Mason, Maria C. Clapp, Bethiah Whiting, Harriet M. Warren, Harriet A. Farnum, & Harriet L. Chester.

Phillips

Phillips School. Inspection Gales, Sub Master, John H. Wilcord, Usher, Helen L. Gilson, Head Assistant. Eliza F. Copeland, Clara W. Cushman, Lucia M. Harrington, Lucy F. Ferris, Hannah M. Sutton, and Mary L. Glover, Assistants. Edwin Bruce, Teacher of Vocal Music.

Primary Schools, - Phillips District; - Mary A. Allen, July 20. 1857.
Sarah A. H. Turner, Lydia F. Poole, Caroline F. Eastman,
Abby A. Lincoln, Eliza A. Bothell, Sarah Ingalls,
Harriet H. King, Emeline L. Pitts, & Ruth H. Fenton.

Quincy School. - Benjamin H. Putnam, Sub Master, Quincy.
Richard F. Putnam and Edward Gay, Ushers.
Josephine L. Tucker, Head Assistant. Lydia A. Hanson, Angelina A. Moulton, ~~Emeline C. Fenton~~, E.
Maria Simonds, Harriet D. Hinckley, Olive E. Page,
Caroline A. Morris, Lizzie H. Goodale, and Charlotte L. Wheelwright, Assistants. Charles Butler,
Teacher of Music.

Primary Schools, Quincy District; - Sophronia Primary.
N. Hewick, Hannah A. Lawrence, Adeline Hockridge, Lucy E. Hayhurst, Mary E. Greene, Charlotte
L. Young, Elizabeth F. Emmons, Hannah E. Hayes,
Caroline M. Grover, Frances Torrey, Mary A. Hunt,
Hannah L. Billings, Emily B. Peck, & Harriet A
Dow.

Wells School. William H. Swan, Sub Master. Wells.
Matilda A. Gray, Head Assistant. Sarah J.
Lothrop, Julina Spaulding, Mary F. Fenton, Lydia
A. Beck, Lydia S. Chandler, and Sarah E. Wiggin,
Assistants. Jane M. Bedford, Teacher of Sewing.
Edwin Bruce, Teacher of Music.

Primary Schools, Wells School District; - Mary E. Primary.
Bailey, Anna A. James, Elizabeth H. Swan, Augusta
H. Foster, Lucy A. C. Redding, Erminie R. Hawley,
Elizabeth F. Foster, Mary A. H. Colling, & Mary J. Wells.

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Winthrop

Primary.

Winthrop School. Susan A. H. Loring, Rebecca F. Barry, Martha E. Irons, and Virginia Seymour, Assistants. Elizabeth R. Briggs, Caroline A. Rogers, Martha T. Cotton, Mary J. Dunforth, L. Ellen Sprague, Hannah K. Hosmer, Eliza J. Read, Julia E. Bird, Marion L. Holbrook, and Georgianna C. Spaniell, Assistants. Rebecca H. Bell, Teacher of Sewing.

Primary Schools, Winthrop District. - Sarah E. Lewis, Mary A. Easterbrook, Mary E. Parker, Sarah Everleth, Anna O. Jones, Mary B. Browne, Eliza A. C. Day, Harriet A. Bellis, Priscilla Johnson, Elizabeth J. Bailey, and Elizabeth C. Trink.

Nominations:

Lovell
Lloyd

Lucy E. Lovell, Teacher of a Primary School in the Bigelow District, and Lucy R. Lloyd, Assistant in the Hawes School, were re-nominated to the Board as being on probation.

E. O. Vinton's nomination

Voted, That the nomination of Miss E. O. Vinton, as an Assistant in the Quincy School, be recommitted.

Winthrop School: Head Assistants.

Dr. Bowen offered the following: —

Ordered, That the District Committee of the Winthrop School be authorized to appoint five Head Assistants.

Referred to the Committee on Rules & Regulations.

On motion of Dr. Palmer of Ward 4,

Voted, That, when the Board adjourn, it adjourn for six weeks.

Dr. Buck offered the following Order, and moved its reference to the Committee on School Houses; and it was so referred; viz, Ordered, That the City Council be requested to build a new Eliot School House — the present building not being large enough to accommodate the Scholars of this district, and is very badly arranged. July 20. 1857. New Eliot School House: Order for reference.

The following Order, offered by Dr. Buck, was laid upon the table: — Miss Stockwell's request for a transfer.

Ordered, That Charlotte L. Stockwell, Assistant in the Adams School, be, agreeably to her request, transferred as an Assistant in the Hancock School.

A motion to take the above order from the table was under discussion, when it appeared that there was no quorum present, and the Board thereupon adjourned. No Quorum.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

Aug. 31. 1857.

An adjourned Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Monday, Aug. 31st, 1857, at 4 o'clock P.M. The President in the Chair.

Present,

Absent members.

The whole Board, except Messrs. Eastman, Dawes, Duke, Dyer, Fitz, Harper, Kimball, Pierce, Thurston, F.C. Parker, Parks, Rice, Russell, Sanborn, Shaw, Stockbridge, Stone, Upham, Welch, and the President of the Common Council.

James Robinson's request.

The Chair read a communication from Mr. James Robinson, requesting the Board to continue him as Assistant Teacher of Arithmetic in the Boarding School, with, at least, the same amount of salary as that paid to him for the last three years. On motion of Dr. Palmer of Ward 4, it was voted that the communication be placed on file.

Report of Quincy Dist. Committee on the nomination of Miss Vinton.

The Quincy School District Committee respectfully Report: That they have taken up again the matter of Miss Emeline C. Vinton's nomination, referred back to them by the general Board, and find that the vote of their Committee stands five in her favor, and five against her. When her name was before us at the previous meeting, there were three in favor and four opposed; one gentleman who voted in the opposition on the last occasion being absent

Bigelow Dist. Miss Clement nom.

Miss Kate A. Clement was nominated as Teacher in the Bigelow School District.

absent. On these circumstances it was Voted, That the facts of the case, as herewith stated, be presented to the Board, at the Meeting to be held August 31st. Aug. 31. 1857

(Signed) Rufus Ellis, Chairman.

Read and accepted.

On motion of Dr Buck, the Order, offered July 20th, proposing to transfer Miss Stockwell from the Adams to the Hancock School, was taken from the table, and the question being taken as to its passage, it was rejected. Order for Miss Stockwell's transfer rejected.

Mr. Beck, Chairman of the Committee on Elections, reported that the Committee had examined the Certificates of Election of John F. Jarvis, of Ward 5, E. Baker Welch, and Edw.d H. Ammidown of Ward 9, and of Henry Burnough Jr. of Ward 11, and found them correct. The Report was accepted. Report of Com.te on Elections.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of Rev.d Mr Barnard, asked and were granted leave to report in print. Rev. Charles F. Barnards Communication: Com.te to rep.t in print.

The Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred the bill of Mr. L. H. Southard for services as teacher of Music in the Winthrop School, beg leave to Report:- From the statement furnished us by the Chairman of the Winthrop District Committee, it appears that thirteen out of twenty- L. H. Southards bill: Rep.t of Com.te on Salaries thereon.

Minnie C. Jennison was confirmed as a Primary Teacher in the Winthrop District. Winthrop Dist.t Jennison conf.d.

Aug. 31. 1857. three lessons were given by Mr. Southard during the quarter. Of the other ten, four were never given, and six were furnished by a substitute. We have not considered it to be the duty of your Committee to inquire into the cause for this large number of absences, with a view, in case of their being unauthorized, to recommend any reduction in the amount of salary to be paid to Mr. Southard; although extreme cases might arise when this would be necessary.

We deem the inquiry which the District Committee will probably make on this point, in canvassing their list of teachers for renomination, to be sufficient; and that the object for us to accomplish is to recommend some general rule which shall regulate what is now unprovided for, viz, the amount to be paid to those who serve as substitutes for Music Teachers. We therefore recommend the adoption of the accompanying Order.

For the Committee, Henry A. Drake

Ordered, That substitutes for Music Teachers be paid at the rate of one dollar per lesson.

On motion of Dr. Lyman the Report and Order were recommitted.

Report of Com^e on Salaries on Salaries of the Teachers for ensuing year.

The Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred (June 22.) the subject of the Salaries of the Teachers in the Public Schools for the ensuing year, presented their report thereon, and submitted the following Order: -

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Proposed scale of Salaries:

Ordered: That, for the ensuing School year, the Salaries of the Instructors of the various public Schools shall be established as follows:—

The Salaries of the Masters of the Latin, the English High, and the Girls' High and Normal Schools shall be $2400 for the first years service, with an increase of $100 for each additional years service till the Salary amounts to $2500, per annum.

for Masters of the High Schools.

The Salaries of the Sub-Masters of the Latin and English High Schools shall be $1500 for the first years service, with an increase of $100 for each additional years service till the Salary amounts to $1,800 per ann.

for Sub Masters of the High Schools

The Salaries of the Mshes of the Latin & English High Schools shall be $1,000 for the first years service, with an increase of $100 for each additional years service till the Salary amounts to $1500 per annum.

for Mshes of Ditto.

The Salaries of the Masters of the Grammar Schools shall be $1500 for the first years service, with an increase of $100 for each additional years service till the Salary amounts to $2000 per annum.

for Masters of Grammar Schools

The Salary of the Sub Masters of the Grammar School shall be $1,000 for the first years service, with an increase of $100 for each additional years service till the Salary amounts to $1500 per annum.

for Sub Masters of Ditto

The Salary of the Mshes of the Grammar Schools shall be $600 for the first years service, with an increase of $100 for each additional years service till the Salary amounts to $1,000 per annum.

for Mshes of Ditto.

The Salary of the Head Assistant in the Girls

for Head Assist.ts

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in Girls High & Normal School.

Regular Normal School shall be $500 per annum, and the salary of all the Assistants in that School shall be $450 per annum.

Salary of Head Assistants in Gram. Schools, & Assistants, & Primary Teachers.

The salary of the Head Assistants in the Grammar Schools shall be $450 per annum: and the salary of the other Assistants in the Grammar Schools, and of the Teachers of the Primary Schools shall be $300 in the first year's service, with an increase of $50 for each additional year's service, till the salary amounts to $400 per annum.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, the Report was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Superintendent's Quarterly Report

On motion of Dr. Lothrop it was voted to hear the Second Quarterly Report of the Superintendent of Public Schools.

The Superintendent thereupon read his report, making the following recommendations: viz: — That a copy of Barnard's Journal of Education be placed in each of the Grammar Schools; and that the Rules of the Board be so altered as to authorize the Superintendent to hold meetings of the Teachers.

The Report was accepted, and the recommendations severally, the former to the Committee on Text Books, and the latter to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Voted, That, when this Board adjourn, it adjourn for three weeks.

Mr. Thaxter offered the following Order:- Ordered, That the sum of $41.44 be paid to Miss Lucinda S. Hall for one month and twenty days' service as a Primary School Teacher in the Bigelow District. Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries. August 31, 1857. Order to pay Miss Hall for services in Bigelow District.

On motion of Mr. Eaton the Rules of the Board were suspended and the following Order, offered by him, adopted; viz:- Ordered; That the Dwight School for Boys, and the Dwight School for Girls be organized each on the "Second Plan." Dwight School organized on the Second Plan.

On motion of Dr. Leonard, the following Order was adopted; viz:- Ordered, That that portion of the Lyman School Section lying South and East of a line running through Decatur St. from the Rail Road, to Chilton St. through Chilton to Dresden St. through Dresden to Meridian St. through Meridian St. to Hancock St. through Hancock to Howe St. through Howe St. to the water, be annexed to the Adams District. Change of boundary lines of the Adams & Lyman School Sections

Thereupon, for want of a quorum, the Board adjourned. No Quorum

Attest:

Edward Capen,
Secretary.

Sept. 21. 1857.

An adjourned Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Monday, the 21st of September, 1857, at 4 o'clock P.M. The President in the Chair.

Present,

The whole Board, except Messrs. Shmidown, Baker, Codman, Dyer, Ellis, Haynes, Hazelton, Hooper, Jarvis, Lyman, Miles, Miner, Parks, Putnam, Randall, Rollins, Stone, Upham, Welch, and the President of the Common Council.

Nominations &c. The following teachers were nominated as being on probation:- Mrs. Emily C. H. Russell, Assistant in the Lyman School. William H. Ward, Sub-Master in the Chapman School. Amelia C. Temple, Assistant in the Hancock School. Cynthia H. Sears, Assistant in the Hawes School. Laura J. Gerry, and A. L. Jewell in Primary Schools in the Hawes District. Mary Baker in a Primary School in the Laurence District. M. Electa Lamiat in a Primary School in the Hancock District.

Smith. Annie E. Smith was confirmed as an Assistant in the Lyman School.

Cunningham. Harriet A. Cunningham was confirmed as an Assistant in the Phillips School.

Rep. of Com. on Salaries on Miss Mott's. The Committee on Salaries would recommend the adoption of the Order referred to them, last Meeting, to pay Miss Lucinda R. Mott $41.44 for services as

teacher in the Boston District; — the Committee on the Sept. 21 1857.
the service which entitles him to receive that amount. Services

For the Committee, Henry A. Drake.

Read, accepted, and the order passed.

Upon the bill of Mr. L. H. Southard, which was Report of
recommitted to the Committee on Salaries, they would Com^e on
respectfully Report: — Salaries, on

When the bill from Mr. L. H. Southard's
Southard came to the consideration of your Com- bill.
mittee, they found that there were two sepa-
rate matters involved, which it was desirable to
settle. There had been apparent remissness
of duty upon the part of Mr. Southard, in neg-
lecting to give, or to provide for, four out of the twenty
three lessons for which the bill was rendered, and
the first inquiry, therefore, was, whether or not it
was expedient to deduct from the sum to be paid
him, the amount of the four lessons which were
not given. Your Committee deemed it inexpedi-
ent to do this. As the sum involved was trifling,
and as the neglect of Mr. Southard had been com-
paratively slight, we thought it rather to mar the
the dignity of the Board to cavil about so trivial
a matter, when there was a wise and a better way
to accomplish all that was necessary. I refer the language
of our previous report upon this subject. — We have
not considered it to be the duty of your Committee
to inquire into the cause for these absences, with a

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will, in case of their being unauthorized, to recommend any reduction in the amount of salary to be paid to Mr. Southard, although in some case might arise when this would be necessary. We deem the inquiry which the District Committee will probably make upon this point, in canvassing their list of teachers for renomination, to be sufficient. We felt that if the District Committee declined to re-nominate Mr. Southard, as we were informed they had done, it was sufficient notice of his delinquency, without the additional act of deducting three or four dollars from the amount of his bill. We therefore consider it best that the bill from Mr. Southard should be allowed to pass as usual to the Auditor, to be audited and paid; and that any action of the Board upon the bill would be unadvisable. The next point in connection with this subject, which it was desirable to settle was, what should be paid by Mr. Southard to his substitute, who had given six out of the twenty three lessons which made up the quarters service. This, we understand from the Chairman of the Thirteenth District Committee, to be the special issue in this case; and, to arrange it, he had requested the reference of the bill to the Committee on Salaries.

The Revised Regulations of the Board, although they provide for the amount to be paid by every other class of teachers to the substitutes they employed, omitted to provide for the amount which Music teachers should pay to those who temporarily discharged their duties.

We therefore found it necessary to settle this point, and Sept. 21. 1857.
the conclusion at which we arrived was, that one dol-
lar per lesson would be a reasonable amount for Mr.
Southard to pay his substitute. Hoping that we
might save ourselves and the Board much un-
necessary trouble, which would arise from special
legislation upon every case of this kind that should
occur, we offered to the Board a general order, which,
while it disposed of this particular case, also pro-
vided for any future one of the kind which might
arise. Upon reconsidering this order, we have
thought that perhaps the action which we re-
commended, though very desirable, went beyond
the particular subject which was referred to us;
that, as it was the special issue and not the
general subject which we were to consider, a special
and a general order should have expressed the
conclusions at which we had arrived. We therefore
recommend that no action be taken upon the bill
from E. W. Southard, but that the following Order
be adopted. For the Committee. Henry A. Burke.

Ordered, - That E. W. Southard, Teacher of Music, Order
pay to Miss Marian Cloutman one dollar for each adopted.
lesson given by her as substitute for him in the
Winthrop School. Read, accepted, and the Order
passed.

The Committee on Rules Report of
and Regulations, to whom was referred the Order Com^tee on Rules
authorizing the Committees of the Latin, English High & Regulations

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and Girls' High and Normal Schools to procure Lectures to be delivered before the pupils of those Schools, on such subjects as could not be advantageously studied without such aid, respectfully Report — That they have given the subject careful consideration, and are unanimously of the opinion that such an Order would be inexpedient.

The Committee believe that there are no studies at present taught in either of the Schools named, which cannot be both advantageously and successfully pursued without the aid of any other instruction than such as is now afforded by the able teachers connected with the high schools, assisted by the apparatus which is now at their command. There are, no doubt, able and experienced lecturers on subjects connected with Natural Philosophy, Physiology Chemistry or Geology, who, by the aid of very extensive apparatus, models, and illustrations, are able to afford facilities for the understanding and practical knowledge of such subjects, more perfect and extensive than can ordinarily be obtained in our high Schools; but the Committee would not deem it advisable to introduce such lectures into our public schools. To say nothing of the expense attending such proceedings, the limited number of pupils who alone would be benefitted, specially, by such lectures, the interruption to the usual course of study, and the removal of responsibility from the Masters of the Schools, would, it is believed,

more than counterbalance any good result which might Sept. 21. 1857.
be obtained. The facilities for attendance upon the best public lectures are already, by the munificence of our citizens, so ample, so varied and so inexpensive, as to render any further provisions in that direction scarcely desirable. Besides, your Committee believe that, if any such instruction should be ordered desirable in our Schools, beyond the regular course now prescribed, this Board would be held responsible for the character both of the lectures and the subjects, and they would rather recommend that both should be laid before the Board and be approved by them previous to their introduction into our Schools.

Respectfully submitted. For the Committee,

Geo. W. Tuxbury, Chairman.

Read and accepted.

The Committee (on Rules &c.) to Report of Com^e on Rules and Regulations: "on Five Head Assistants in Winthrop School."

whom was referred the Order authorizing the Committee on the Winthrop School to appoint five head assistant teachers in that School, respectfully submit the following Report: - The Committee believe that, ordinarily, one head assistant for each story in the School building is sufficient.

They are, therefore, unable to recommend any change in the general Regulations relating to the Girls' Schools organized upon the plan of this School. And, although they are generally averse to the introduction of exceptions which tend

Sept 21. 1857. interfere with the regularity of the general system, they are still of the opinion that the peculiar construction of the building, in connection with the very large number of pupils connected with this School, renders an additional Head Assistant necessary. They therefore recommend the passage of the following Order.

Respectfully submitted. For the Committee,

E. W. Pattbury, Chairman.

Order adopted

Ordered, That the Committee on the Winthrop School District be authorized to appoint an additional Head-assistant in the Winthrop School, if, in their judgment, the interests of the School require it. Read, accepted, and the Order passed.

Report Com^e on Rules & Regulations on "Music in the Schools."

The Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom were referred the several Orders relating to Music in the Public Schools, respectfully Report:- The Committee approve, generally, the course of proceedings recommended by the Special Committee in their able report upon this subject, and, without any recapitulation of the reasons and arguments by them so carefully presented, this Committee recommend the passage of the several Orders submitted to them, with a few slight amendments so as to read as follows; and that such changes should be made in the present regulations of the Schools as shall thereby be rendered necessary. All of which is respect-

fully submitted. For the Committee. Sept. 21. 1857.

E. H. Tuxbury, Chairman.

The amendments proposed to the Orders offered by the Committee on Music (see page 320) are as follows; viz, — in the second line of the third Order, before the words, "the Primary Schools", insert the words "each session of;" and, in the same Order, in the last line, insert the word "direction", in place of "instruction"; and strike out the word "assistant." In the fourth Order, in the last line but one, insert the word may in place of shall. In the fifth and last Order, commencing in the sixth line, strike out the words "a quarter, and at each quarterly meeting" submit"; and insert the words "six months; and to submit to this Board." The Report was read, accepted and the Orders as amended were adopted

Report of Committee on Rules & Reg'ns. on "reporting & publishing the number of pupils sent to the High School from the Grammar Schools."

The Committee on Rules and Regulations, having carefully considered the recommendation of the Superintendent, with the order introduced by a special Committee of this Board, viz. "That the number sent and received into the English High School, and the Girls' High and Normal School, from each of the Grammar Schools, be reported to this Board and published in the Annual Report," (see page 315) — respectfully submit the following Report.

This Committee fully agree

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Of the number of Scholars in each of the Grammar Schools who are qualified to enter these High Schools should be carefully ascertained, by actual examination, at the close of each year, such an examination, taking into the comparison the number of pupils in each School, would afford an element of comparison between the different schools, as to their actual standing; but, even then, the publication of such results would, we think, be doing injustice to many of the teachers, especially as this would be but a single element out of a great many which should be taken into the account before the comparative standing of a School should be made public; and our Rules at present, afford no means of obtaining all the necessary elements of comparison.

But the publication of the number actually

entering the High Schools from the several Gram- Sept. 21. 1857.
mar Schools, would, we think, be still more
unjust, inasmuch as there are many circum-
stances over which the masters have no control
whatever, which go to determine this number;
such as the distance of the ~~distance of the~~
Grammar School from the High School, and
the character and circumstances of the parents
of the children. The Committee are accord-
ingly reluctant to come to a different conclusion
from that of the very able, careful and judicious
members of the Special Committee who reported this
Order; but, nevertheless, they think the course
recommended by them could not be adopted with-
out doing injustice to some of our most worthy teachers
and best conducted Schools. For the Committee,

G. W. Thaxter, Chairman.

Read, and, thereupon, on motion of Dr. Lothrop, Order passed:
Ordered, That the Report be recommitted, with "Statistical
instructions to consider and report in what way, information
and to what extent, statistical information shall in regard to
be annually furnished in regard to all our Schools. the Schools."

On motion of Dr. Lothrop the Report of the Com- Salaries
mittee on Salaries, upon the Salaries of the Teachers of the
in the Public Schools, (being City Doc. No. 61,) was taken Teachers.
from the table. On motion of Dr. Palmer it was
voted to consider the same by paragraphs. (See Orders
on page 347.) The Chair read a communi-

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cation from the 2nd Masters and Ushers in Grammar Schools, and also one from the female teachers in the Grammar and Primary Schools, remonstrating against the adoption of the Committee's Report and the reduction of the Salaries.

Salaries fixed.

On motion of Mr. F. E. Parker, it was voted to amend the Order in the Report by substituting the rates of salaries as specified on page 210 of the Rules and Regulations (also on page 226, this vol.) The Order thus amended was then adopted, by a unanimous vote.

Phillips School: additional room to be obtained.

Mr. Hickbridge offered the following Order, and moved its reference, with full powers, to the Committee on School Houses, - and it was so referred.-

Ordered, That, in consequence of the crowded condition of the Phillips School, a room be obtained for the reception of such pupils as the Committee may think best to transfer to said room.

Lyman & Adams Schools: Teacher transferred.

On motion of Mr. Sykes, it was

Ordered, That Miss Fanny R. Edmunds be transferred from the Lyman to the Adams School.

Five Evening Schools. Committee to consider & report, &c.

On motion of Mr. Allen, it was

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to consider, and seasonably report thereon, the expediency of providing four free evening schools, - two in the city proper, one in East Boston, and one in South Boston, - for instruction in Reading, Spelling, Writing, Arithmetic,

and a simple form of Book-keeping, during the three months of December, January and February. The Chair appointed as that Committee Messrs. Allen, Leonard, Palmer, Connell and Porter. Sept. 21, 1857.

Mr. Russell submitted a proposition to amend Sect. VI. Chap. IV. of the Rules, by rescinding so much of said Section as relates to the exchange, by the publishers, of new text-books for those already in use, without cost to the pupils; and moved its reference to the Committee on Rules and Regulations; and it was so referred. Amendment of Rules as to exchange of text-books by publishers.

Mr. Sykes offered the following;- Ventilation of Adams School House.

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to ventilate the Adams School House according to the original plan.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers.

Thereupon, the Meeting dissolved.

Attest:

Barnard Capen,
Secretary.

Nov. 3. 1857.

A Quarterly Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the third day of November, 1857, at 4 o'clock P.M. The President in the Chair.

Present.

Absent Members.

The whole Board except Messrs. Baker, Bates of Ward 8, Beck, Chadbourn, Capt. Day, Dearborn, Drake, Dyer, Ex. Hazelton, Hill, Hinckley, Homer, Mann, Patrick of Ward 6, Peck, Putnam, Rich, Rolfe, Sanborn, Stockbridge, Sutton, Wight, and the President of the Common Council.

Committee on Music.

The Chair appointed the following gentlemen as the Committee on Music, agreeably to Order No. 5, page 326, - adopted at the last Meeting, viz, Messrs. Read, Upham, Miles, Endicott and Dearborn.

Primary School House in Franklin Street.

A communication from the City Council, relative to the primary School building in Franklin Street, was referred to the Bowdoin School District Committee.

Primary School accommodations at the North part of the city.

The Chairman read the Remarks appended to the Report of the Truant Officer for District North, - transmitted to this Board from the City Council, - relative to the want of primary School accommodations in that Section of the City. On motion of Dr. Homans, the paper was laid on the table.

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The Chair also read a communication from Hon. Dan S. Smalley, submitting a proposition that the Board would consider the expediency of employing him to explain and illustrate to the teachers his System of Vocal Drill; and to visit each school or division, aiding the teacher in the practical application of the same. On motion of Dr. Lothrop, the communication was laid, temporarily, on the table.

D. S. Smalley's Vocal Drill.

Nominations &c.

The following nominations of teachers were made by the respective Committees:

E. Bruce.

Edwin P. Bruce, teacher of Vocal Music in the Hancock School. (On motion of Dr. Palmer this nomination was referred to the Committee on Music.)

Snow. Mc. J.

Mercie P. Snow, an Assistant in the Primary School.

Mitchell

Sarah P. Mitchell, an Assistant in the Franklin School.

Cobb.

Willard S. Cobb, Usher in the Boylston School.

Lombard

Sarah A. Lombard, Primary Teacher in the Boylston District.

Tower

Henrietta S. Tower, Primary Teacher in the Mayhew District.

Holbrook

Maria L. P. Holbrook, Head Assistant in the Winthrop School.

Neale Pettengill

Mary E. Neale and Mary E. Pettengill, Primary Teachers in the Winthrop Dist.

Sanderson

Sarah E. Sanderson, as an Assistant in the Quincy School.

Works

Sarah M. Works, an Assistant in the Hancock School.

Bartholomew

Wm. H. Bartholomew, Teacher of Drawing in the English High School.

Eaton

George Eaton, Sub-Master in the Latin School.

A. Snow.

Amanda Snow was confirmed as an Assistant in the Primary School.

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Quincy School: Vacancy in place of an Assistant: - Report of Com^e on.

Mr. Ellis, Chairman of the Quincy School Committee, made a report embracing a statement of facts relative to a vacancy in the Quincy School, in the place of an Assistant.

On the various motions, viz, to suspend the Rules and then proceed to fill the vacancy; to appoint an additional member on the Committee on that District; to refer to a special Committee of five to report after an investigation of the case; - the whole subject, on motion of Mr. Heine, was laid upon the table.

Resignations of Geo. Eaton & J. J. Coolidge

The Chair read the resignations of George Eaton and J. J. Coolidge, as members of this Board, - the latter to take effect at the close of the present year; and they were accepted.

Quarterly Reports

The Board then attended to the Reading of the Quarterly Reports on the several High and Grammar Schools, and the Primary Schools in the several Districts; and they were accepted, with the exception of the Reports on the Girls' High and Normal School and the Mayhew School District, containing Orders for the consideration of the Board.

Report of Com^e on Text Books, on

The Committee on Text Books beg leave to recommend the following Orders: -

First, That the following books be added to the Books of Reference now supplied to the Grammar

Schools, - one copy to each; to wit: — 1.-Colton's New Atlas, in one volume. 2.-Smith's History of Greece, by Sutton. 3.-Arnold's History of Rome. 4-Gould Brown's Grammar of Grammars. 5.-Worcester's Historical Atlas. 6.-Wilson's Abridgement of his treatise on Punctuation. Nov. 3. 1857. Books of Reference.

That one copy of the same books be supplied to each of the Latin, English High and Girls' High and Normal Schools, - with the exception that the copies of Colton's Atlas, supplied to those Schools, be in two volumes.

Second: That a copy of Barnard's American Journal of Education, to the end of the present year of publication, be furnished to the Girls' High and Normal School, as a book of Reference.

Third: That Warren's Treatise on Physical Geography be a permitted book in all the Schools above-named. Warren's Phys. Geography permitted.

For the Committee.

F. E. Parker, Chairman.

On motion of Dr. Palmer, (of Ward 4) the last Order was amended by inserting "or Carter's Physical Geography and Atlas." The Orders, thus amended, were then adopted. Carter's Phys. Geog. & Atlas permitted

On motion of Dr. Brewer, it was Miss Cloutman's Services.

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries consider what action is necessary, on the part of this Board, to assure Miss Marian Cloutman compensation for certain services performed in the Winthrop School.

The following Order, viz:-

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Mayhew Dist. New Primary School in.

Ordered, That a new Primary School be established in the Mayhew School District; and that it be located in the vicinity of Cross Street, — was read and referred, with full powers, to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Dr. Russell, it was

Girls' High and Normal School: Books for the use of, &c.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Girls' High and Normal School be authorized to expend Two hundred and fifty dollars for the purchase of books of reference for the use of the School.

Primary School discontinued, & transferred.

On motion of Dr. Lyman, it was

Ordered, That Primary School No. 3 Vernon Street, heretofore under the charge of Miss Lucy Wyeth, be discontinued; that the School No. 1 Vernon St. Church be transferred to the room thus vacated; and that the School No. 2 Vernon St. Church be transferred to the room No. 1 in the same building.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, it was voted to hear the Quarterly Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

Free Evening Schools.

Mr. Allen, Chairman of the Committee on the subject of the establishment of Free Evening Schools, asked to be allowed to present the Report of that Committee; pending the reading of which, it appeared that no quorum was present, and the meeting thereupon dissolved.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

A Special Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the 10th day of November, 1857, at 4 o'clock P.M. The President in the Chair. Nov. 10. 1857.

Present:

The whole Board, except Messrs. Baker, Bates of Ward 5, Coolidge, Endicott, Dawes, Dearborn, Dyer, Fox, Hall, Hazelton, Hinckley, Homans, Miles, A. D. Parker, Parks, Plimpton, Pool, Randall, Robbins, Rolfe, Russell, Sanborn, Simpson, Stone, Sykes, Tuxbury, Wilbur, Wright, and the President of the Common Council. Absent members.

Mr. Allen presented the Report of the Committee appointed (Sept. 21.) to consider and report upon the expediency of establishing Free Evening Schools; which was read by the Chair and accepted. The Committee offered the following Resolution: viz. - Resolved; That, in relation to the Report of the Committee on the subject of Evening Schools, the same Committee be appointed and authorized, in concurrence with the Superintendent, to commence such Schools, according to said Report. Report of Com.ee on Free Evening Schools.

The Resolution was at first adopted; but, upon a reconsideration, was finally rejected.

The Superintendent of Schools read his Third Superintend.t's Third.

Nov. 10. 1857. Quarterly Report. Which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

Quarterly Report

On motion of Dr. Lothrop,-

Committee to prepare the Annual Report

Ordered, That the several Quarterly Reports of the District Committees, presented at the last meeting of the Board, together with the three Quarterly Reports of the Superintendent, be referred to a Special Committee, as required by the Regulations, to prepare therefrom the Annual Report of the School Board.

The Chair appointed as that Committee, Messrs. Lothrop, S. E. Parker, Randall, Riley, Wright, Brewer and Fabyan.

Philosophical Apparatus in Eng. High School.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop,-

Ordered, That One hundred dollars be appropriated for the increase and repairs of the Philosophical Apparatus of the English High School.

Dr. Lothrop offered the following:-

Motion on "Vocal Drill."

Ordered, That the several District Committees be authorized to employ Mr. Small to give instruction in his system of Vocal Drill, to any or all the teachers or schools, Primary or Grammar, in their Districts, at such times, and for such a period as they may deem it expedient, at an expense not exceeding one hundred dollars for each District. On motion of Dr. Buck the Order was referred to a special Committee, appointed by the Chair, consisting of Messrs. Loth-

nos. Brewer, Salmon of Ward 4, Burroughs, and Bates of Ward 8. Nov. 10. 1857.

The following Orders viz.— D. S. Smalley to be paid for services.

Ordered, That D. S. Smalley be paid $9.87 for three days' service as Sub Master in the Dwight School.

Ordered, That Andrew Washburn be paid $92.05 for twenty eight days' service as Sub-Master in the Dwight School. A. Washburn's services.

Ordered, That Miss A. R. Frost be paid $5.75 for seven days' service as Assistant in the Dwight School. Miss A. R. Frost's services.

Ordered, That the sum of $19.72 be paid to Miss C. B. Ingraham for services as Teacher in the Quincy School. — were severally referred to the Committee on Salaries. Miss C. B. Ingraham's services

Dr. Lothrop offered the following:— In the matter of Mr. James Robinson, a teacher in our public schools since 1806, and continuously from 1812 to 1857. — ——— James Robinson appointed.

Ordered, That he be appointed an Assistant Teacher for the school year 1857 and 1858, to perform such services in Writing and Arithmetic, and instruction in Book-keeping in either of our Schools, as he may be called upon to perform, by the Superintendent or either of the Chairmen of our District Committees; at a salary of Six hundred dollars a year. Read, and

Nov. 10. 1857. the Order passed.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop.

Quorum of the Board.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to consider and report on the expediency of petitioning the next Legislature of the Commonwealth for such an alteration of the provisions of the City Charter in regard to the School Committee, as shall constitute thirty, or some less number than a majority, a quorum of the Board; or, of so altering our Rules and Regulations as to hold meetings of the Board in the evening.

Meeting of the Board in the evening.

Vacancy filled in Com^ee on Rules & Reg^ns.

The Chair appointed Mr. Randall on the Committee on Rules and Regulations, in place of Mr. Eaton resigned.

Mary J. Fuller nominated.

Mary J. Fuller was nominated as an Assistant in the Hancock School; - to commence her services on the First of December.

Thereupon the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the 29th day of December, 1857, at 4 o'clock P.M. The President in the Chair. Dec. 29. 1857.

Present,

The whole Board, except Messrs. Aminidown, Bates of Ward 5, Burroughs, Codman, Endicott, Dyer, Jos. Putnam, Robbins, Russell, Shaw, Simpson, Stone, and the President of the Common Council.

The following Teachers were nominated as being on probation; viz. Mr. J. W. Tuck, Sub-Master in the Dwight School. Nominations: Tuck

Anna M. Gregory, in a Primary School in the Lawrence District. Gregory

Mary E. Powell, an Assistant in the Mayhew School. Powell.

The following Teachers were confirmed; viz. Confirmations:

Jane M. Chenington and Emily A. Russell, Assistants in the Bigelow School. Lucy E. Lovell in a Primary School in the Bigelow District. Chenington, Russell, Lovell.

Sarah D. Mitchell, an Assistant in the Franklin School. Mitchell.

Amelia C. Temple, an Assistant in the Hancock School. Temple.

Cynthia H. Sears and Lucy R. Lloyd, Assistants in the Hawes School. Laura J. Gerry and A. B. Jewell, in Primary Schools in the Hawes District. Sears, Lloyd, Gerry, Jewell.

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Baker. Smith. Tourtellot. Foster.

Mary F. Baker and Martha A. Smith in Primary Schools in the Lawrence District.

Martha E. Tourtellot in a Primary School in the Hayden District.

Emma Fosterman Assistant in the Phillips School.

Evg Adult Schools

The Chair read a communication from John E. Hunnewell relative to the Evening Adult Schools, now, and for some years past, in operation in the city; which, on motion of Dr. Palmer of Ward 4, was ordered to be placed on file.

Bowdoin District: Primary Schools discontinued &c. Rep't of Committee.

The undersigned, in behalf of the Bowdoin District Committee, respectfully submits the following Report:

That, in accordance with previous action of this Board the same said District Committee have vacated a Primary School-house situated in Franklin Street and occupying land owned upon which a street had been laid out by the City Government.

The building vacated was tenanted by three schools. One of these schools was discontinued, and its teacher transferred to another whose teacher had resigned. Of the two remaining schools one was removed to a vacant school room in Essex Street Place; the other to a vacant school-room in Williams Street.

As the school in Essex St. Place is in the midst of the territory supplying the Winthrop District with pupils, and, as it would be for the benefit

of this School to be classified with those in its neighborhood, the Bowdoin District Committee is of the opinion that it should be annexed to the Winthrop District. For the same reasons said District Committee is of the opinion that the School removed to Williams Street should be annexed to the Boylston District. It is, therefore, hereby ——— Dec. 29. 1857.

Ordered, That the School formerly numbered No. 3 Hunkin Street be discontinued; and that its teacher, Miss M. F. Parker, be appointed teacher of School No. 3 Bowdoin Square District, in place of Miss Lucy A. Clark resigned. Orders passed.

Ordered, That the School removed to East Street Place be annexed to the Winthrop District, and that the School removed to Williams Street be annexed to the Boylston District; — provided that these transfers be approved by those Districts respectively.

Respectfully submitted.
For the Committee, Ezra Palmer, jr.

Read; and the Orders adopted.

The Committee on Salaries would Report in favor of the adoption of the following Orders: — Rep.t. Com.on Salaries, as to services of

To pay Miss E. B. Ingraham $19.72 for 24 days' service as Assistant in the Union School. E. B. Ingraham,

To pay Miss A. R. Frost $5.75 for 7 days' service as an Assistant in the Union School. A. R. Frost.

To pay Mr. Andrew Washburn $92.05 for 28 days' service as Sub Master in the Dwight School. A. Washburn,

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G. F. Bailey.

Pay to G. F. Bailey $9.87 in full for three days service as Int. Instr. in the Dwight School, and find that the several amounts are for services actually rendered. For the Committee.

Henry A. Drake, Chair.

Read, accepted, and the Orders passed.

Report Com. on Returns, on Miss Cloutman's services.

The Committee on Returns are compelled to again call the attention of the Board to the payment to Miss Marian Cloutman, for services rendered in the Winthrop School, as substitute for Mr. Southard, late Music Teacher.

Owing to a want of some proper provision in the Regulations of this Board, for the direction of substitutes in relation to the manner in which they shall obtain their pay, and, owing also to the dishonesty of Mr. Southard, Miss Cloutman has not been paid the amount ordered by the Board at its meeting of Sept. 21st.

As Miss Cloutman was employed by the District Committee, and as the Board has omitted to provide for the filing of the bills of substitutes with the Auditor at the same time of those of regular teachers, we think it unjust that she should remain unpaid. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following Order. For the Committee.

Henry A. Drake.

Order passed.

Ordered, That Six Dollars be paid to Miss Marian Cloutman for services as Music Teacher in

the Winthrop School. Read, accepted, and the Order passed. Dec 29. 1857.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the application of Mr. Tinkley to be employed as a Teacher of Orthoepy, and to introduce his system of Vocal Drill into the Public Schools of this City, and an Order in reference to the same, respectfully submit their Report. — Report of Committee on Mr. Tinkley's "Vocal Drill."

The Committee have endeavored, to the best of their ability, to inform themselves on this subject.

They had an interview with Mr. Tinkley, in which they examined his chart of Sounds, heard his explanations of the same, a general statement of his system, and all that he wished to present to the consideration of the Committee. They also made inquiries in regard to the general condition of this branch of instruction in the Primary and Grammar Schools. From this investigation it appeared to your Committee that the Chart and system of Mr. Tinkley, while in many respects similar to those now in use in the Schools, were, in others different; and, where different, superior in the distinctness, variety, and illustration of the sounds given; and also that it was desirable and would be advantageous to take some step that should awaken greater interest and attention to this subject, and lead to more thorough, regular, and systematic instruction in it in all, especially the Primary Schools. They are not prepared, however,

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to recommend the immediate and general introduction of Mr. Smalley's system of local District into all the Schools, and his employment for eight or ten months as a Teacher for that purpose; but they do think that it would be wise and well to test the system by a sufficient experiment, and to employ A. Smalley to introduce it, and give instruction in it for purposes of experiment, in one primary school in each Grammar School District; — the particular School to be selected by the Committee of each District, the sum to be paid for the while to be determined antecedently by this Board; the hours of instruction to be arranged by each Committee in conference with Mr. Smalley and the teacher: but the length of the time of the instruction to be determined ~~determined by~~ Mr. Smalley himself; i.e., he shall be at liberty to instruct each school till he is ready to present it to the Committee as an exhibition and illustration of what his system and mode of instruction is in fact; — each District Committee at the first Quarterly Meeting subsequent to report the result of the experiment in their school, and their judgment and opinion as to the expediency of extending the instruction to all the primary Schools in their District. It is presumed from the length of time Mr. Smalley has taken for this purpose elsewhere, that this experiment in 18 primary schools, - one in each district, could be fairly and fully made in

about a month, or, at the out side, in six weeks; and Dec. 29. 1857.
though your Committee think that two hundred Dollars would be an adequate compensation for the whole experiment, this would be a little over $11 for each School. It would not be necessary to purchase any charts for the experiment; and, possibly not if the system was extended to all the Schools, as Mr. Smalley can draw or write out the chart distinctly upon the Blackboard, and it can remain there for the aid and use of the Teacher & pupils, as long as is necessary. With these views the Committee submit the following Orders, and recommend their adoption by the Board; —

1st Ordered That Mr. Smalley be employed to introduce by way of experiment his system of Vocal Drill into one Primary School in each Grammar School District, and to give instruction in it for such length of time as he may think requisite to a fair exhibition of what it can effect.

2nd Ordered That each District Committee select such School in the District as may be thought best adapted for the above experiment; arrange the hours of instruction, and, at the first quarterly meeting subsequent, report to this Board the result, and their opinion as to the expediency of extending the system to all the Primary Schools in their District.

3d Ordered, That Two hundred Dollars be appropriated, and paid to Mr. Smalley, as a compensation

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for his time and services in making the above experiment.

Respectfully submitted.

P. H. Lothrop.

Mr. Connell moved to amend the Orders of the Committee by substituting the following; viz. -

That Mr. Smalley be employed to give instruction to the Teachers of the Primary Schools, to the extent of $200: under the supervision of the Superintendent; and that a Committee of three be appointed by the Board, to contract with Mr. Smalley therefor.

The question was taken on the said amendment and it was rejected. The question then being upon the Orders offered by the Committee they were also rejected.

Miss H. S. Hough to be paid for services

Mr. Randall offered the following; viz. - Ordered, That Miss Hannah S. Hough be paid for her services as an Assistant in the Franklin School from the 7th of September to the 15th of October; she having been appointed by the Sub-Committee, but resigned her appointment before her nomination was confirmed.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Theresa James to be paid for services.

Mr. Wright offered the following: viz. Ordered, That there be paid to Miss Theresa James the sum of $13.97 for 2 3/7 weeks' services as instructor in the Chapman School; also to

Miss Sarah R. May the sum of $27.13 for thirty three days' service as instructor in the Lane School; and to Miss Helen Banks the sum of $20.55 for twenty five days' service as instructor in the Lane School. Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries. — Dec. 29. 1857. S. R. & H. May, & Helen Banks, to be paid for services.

Mr. Ellis offered the following: viz. - Ordered, That the sum of forty dollars & 27/100 be paid to Miss Julia H. May, for services as assistant teacher in the Quincy School, from Oct. 5. to Nov. 21st, 1857. Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries. — Julia H. May to be paid for services.

Mr. Miles offered the following Order, which was referred to the Committee on School Houses; viz. - Ordered, That a recitation-room be partitioned off in the Ward-Room in Blossom Street, for the use of the Wells School. — Wells School: - Recitation-Room for.

The Committee on School Houses having previously considered the subject of the above Order - reported, - recommending the passage of the following Order: viz. Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to alter the Ward-Room in the Wells School-House, to make a recitation room as asked for by the Committee of that School. Said Order was adopted. — Rep.t Com.e on School Houses on Recitation Room for Wells School.

On motion of Dr. Shurtleff, it was Ordered, That set of Bauerkiller's Relief Maps — Bauerkiller's Relief Maps.

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In the Three High Schools.

be provided for the Latin, English High, and Girls' High and Normal School; one set for each of the above-named Schools.

Different Text-Books on the same subject in any Class.

On motion of Dr. Read, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Text Books report to this Board whether in any of the Schools, two different text books, in the same subject, are in use in any of the Classes; and, if so, what they are and why they are so used.

Annual Report

Dr. Lothrop read a sketch of the report of the Committee to prepare the Annual Report of the School Committee; and upon his motion, it was Voted, That, when the same is prepared, the usual number of copies (12.500) be printed for distribution.

Rep't Com'e on Salaries as to services of Miss James, S. R. Hay

The Committee on Salaries would report in favor of the following Orders: -

To pay Miss Theresa James $13.97 for 17 days' service in the Chapman School.

To pay Miss Sarah R. Hay $27.13 for 33 days' service in the Chapman School.

Helen Banks

To pay Miss Helen Banks $20.55 for 25 days' service in the Chapman School

H. S. Hough

To pay Miss Hannah S. Hough $32.05 for 39 days' service in the Franklin School.

Emma Porter

To pay Miss Emma Porter $63.97 for 2 mos. and 17 days' service in the Phillips School.

To pay Miss Julia H. May $38.97 for 1 mo. & 17 days service in the Quincy School; — as we find that the several amounts are correct, and are for services which have been actually rendered.

For the Committee, H. A. Drake.

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Read, accepted, and the Orders passed.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred that portion of the Superintendent's Second Report as relates to the holding of meetings of the Teachers of the Primary Schools, for the purpose of illustrating the best methods of instruction and discipline, — would respectfully Report the following Orders: —

Report of Com^e. on Rules and Regulations on the holding of Teachers' Meetings by the Superintendent.

Ordered, That the course of the Superintendent in calling together the Teachers of the Primary Schools, for the purposes set forth in his Second Quarterly Report, be and the same is hereby approved by this Board.

Ordered, That the 7th Chapter of the Rules, relating to the duties of the Superintendent, be amended by adding the following Section, to be inserted immediately after the 3^d Section as now printed: —

Rules amended.

Sect. 4. It shall be his duty to hold meetings of the Teachers of the Primary Schools, for the purpose of illustrating the best methods of instruction and discipline; and, for this object, he shall

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have authority to dismiss the primary schools at such times as he shall deem advisable, but not exceeding one day in each quarter.

For the Committee. G. H. Jurgens, Chairman.

Read, accepted, and the Order passed.

Report Com^ee on Rules and Regulations recommending a reference to next Board of certain subjects named & therein

The Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom have been referred several propositions relating to a change in the Rules, as follows; to wit: -

1. As to the expediency of petitioning the Legislature for a change in the City Charter, so that a less number than a majority of this Board shall constitute a quorum for doing business: -

2. Also in regard to holding the meetings of this Board in the evening, instead of holding the same at the hour now fixed by the Rules: -

3. Also as to the change of the Rules requiring that in all cases of a change in the text-books used in the Schools, the publishers should be required to exchange the new ones for the old ones without cost to the pupils:

4. Also, as to obtaining and publishing statistical information in regard to the comparative standing of the different Grammar Schools: -

5. Also, as to the proposition to rescind that part of the Regulations authorizing the establishment & continuance of Schools for Special Instruction, -

respectfully report by recommending that each of the foregoing subjects should be referred to the

the School Committee for the next year. Dec. 29, 1857.

For the Committee. G. W. Tuxbury, Chairman.

Read and accepted.

Pay of Messenger of the Board.

On motion of Dr. Thurtell, it was Ordered, That the sum of Three hundred Dollars be paid to the Messenger of the Board, being the same amount paid last year.

Thanks to the President.

Dr. Buck offered the following motion: - Moved, That the thanks of this Board be tendered to our worthy President, for the very able, faithful and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations during the school year now about coming to a close. It is believed that every member of this Board will ever cherish a grateful remembrance, not only of his faithfulness in the discharge of his official duties, but of the urbanity, kindness, and gentlemanly manner with which he has always greeted each individual member of this Committee whenever he has met them.

And now, as he is about to retire from his public duties, which he has performed with so general satisfaction for the last two years, it is hoped that the Lord of Heavens blessings may attend him, and make the remainder of his years as happy as the last two have been useful and satisfactory to the community he has so faithfully served.

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The foregoing motion, having been duly seconded and appropriated with remarks, by Rev. Dr. Lothrop; and a motion by Dr. Shurtleff, passed, that the question be taken by the members rising, and standing in their places, was adopted unanimously.

The President then made an appropriate reply.

Benediction on motion of Dr. Cornell, the meeting dissolved.

Attest:

Bernard Capen,
Secretary.

Medals awarded to Boys. (94)

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Lyon School.

James E. Wright
Kendall P. Garrison
George Bancroft
Tolman Parker
John F. Hopkinson
Leonard E. Alden

English High.

Samuel A. Coolidge Jr.
Francis E. Cutter
Reuben Hildreth
Henry McDaid
George W. Pierce
Charles W. Robbins
Charles W. Whittington.

Adams

John W. Bailey.

Boylston

Thomas F. Ring.
John J. Shannahan
Florence J. Donahoe
Robert J. Seymour
Edmund B. Humphrey.
Dennis J. Gorman.

Brimmer.

Alfred B. Brown
Herman G. Clapp
Charles H. Dennett
Francis N. Devereux
George H. B. Hill
Henry L. Hobart
Peter Sullivan
Charles W. C. Trumpler
Thomas Vollintine
William L. Warden
William R. Wise.

Chapman

George H. Morrison.

Dwight

Charles L. Smith
Robert Redington
Edward F. Wilder
John O. Prince
William H. Tate
William H. McCarty.
Daniel F. Knight
William F. Egan
Dennis J. Quinlan.

Eliot.

William D. Wiswell
Cornelius Sullivan
Francis H. McLaughlin
Isaac R. Stevens
William H. Richardson

George A. Hitchings
Charles G. Snell
Dennis Downey
E. Dudley Mack
Stephen H. Bennett

Haverhill.

G. Walker Bennett
William L. Cressey
John C. Poole
Thomas H. Poole
Francis C. Hersey
Thomas H. Young
Henry W. Gile Jr.
Melvin Adams

Lawrence.

Charles J. Miller
William H. Nichols
Josiah A. Jefferds
William L. Looney

Haverhill

Edward H. Clark
William B. C. Stickney
Charles H. Foster
Isaac P. Waitt
Edwin C. Jewett
Frederic P. Bacon
William H. Sands
Robert H. Whitehill

Phillips.

William L. Joslin
Samuel H. Wiggin
Thomas J. Corgan
George H. Cummings
Henry Cummings
Cornelius Felker Jr.
Charles E. Kendall
William A. Hovey
Edwin A. Hills

Quincy.

Charles William Shelton
Henry N. Sawyer
Alonzo A. Orne
William A. Hunting
Dexter A. Hall
Maurice A. Norris
John Kopes
Frederic H. Moulton
Horace E. Penn
John D. Priest
Edwin A. Palmer Jr.
William A. Hall Jr.
Joseph Owens
Henry H. Aldrich

Medals awarded to Girls. 1957

1857.

Adams School.

Sarah M. Schagen
Ann E. Corcoran
Mariana Treadwell
Adelaide L. Lovejoy.

Bigelow

Caroline F. Baldwin
Molly G. Clinch
Anna F. Groves
Susan Pettingill
Mary E. L. Mann
Emeline W. Goodwin
Adeline A. Johnson
Abbie L. Tyler
Sarah E. Tainey.

Bowdoin

Rosalie Y. Abbot
Mary J. Chandler
Mary F. Fairbanks
Susan Frizzell
Anna F. Potter
Emma J. Raley.
Ella J. Hill.
Maria A. Hollon
Sarah E. Robinson
Lydia J. Potter.

Boylston

Mary M. J. Foley
Susan McCarty
Margaret M. Pickle
Esther A. Hyde.

Chapman

Clara Davis
Almaretta J. Critchet
Mary E. Gray.

Dwight

Lizzie F. Rice
Eva M. Keller
E. Augusta Lamon
Mary L. Huggins
Almira E. Hodden
Helen O. Wyman
Henrietta P. Caverly
Frances Sylvester

Franklin

Maria F. Jenkins
Ellen E. Folger
Augusta F. Halsted
Mary A. Mather
Clara E. Gray
Abbie F. Jeral
Caroline M. Hayden

(over.)

Mary J. Putnam
Mary A. Gilliken
Sarah A. Ayers

Hancock

Angelia D. Kittredge
Susan J. Flynn
Sarah E. Billings
Emma R. Hinkley
Mary E. Hart
Elizabeth A. Whitmore
Ann M. McCarty
Angela L. Wait
Emma L. Campbell

Laurence

Ella E. Harding
Augusta L. Ayers
Ellen J. Farnell
Mary E. McDaniel
Anna A. Kilgore
Josephine E. Powell
Mary E. Short
Maria E. Eaton
Laura J. Carr

Lyman

R. Harriette Wiggin
Georgia A. Kinman
Ina R. Runnels
Mary K. Crane

Otis

Edith Adams
Louisa M. Allen
Lydia L. Barnard
Catharine A. Clinton
Anna Kendall
Mary E. Marshall
Harriet E. Snow
Catharine M. Whiting
Esther D. Woodbery

Winthrop

Emma L. Badger
Susan E. Beck
Ellen M. Ewer
Mary A. Farwell
Mary N. Liggett
Marcia A. Hall
Ellen L. Harper
Mary A. Jenkins
Helen Mary Manning
M. Louise Odlione
Helen A. Roberts
Mary E. Moorhouse
Sarah E. Ross
Margaret Taylor
Annie B. Thompson
Lucy M. Wood

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A Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1858, at half past four o'clock in the afternoon, by order of the Mayor, for the organization of the Board for the current Municipal year. His Honor the Mayor, Frederick W. Lincoln jr, President of the Board, in the Chair.

Organization of the School Committee.

The members of the former Board who retain their seats this year, are as follows:-

Members who hold over

Ward 1. Adino B. Hall
Albert Day
Matthias Rich jr.
Micah Dyer jr.

Ward 2. Edwin Wright
Edwin C. Hill
J. Wesley Hinckley
Warren H. Cudworth.

Ward 3. Daniel P. Simpson.
Edw.d D. G. Palmer
Silas P. Plimpton
Charles H. Fenton.

Ward 4. Francis E. Parker.
Benj.n S. Shaw
Alonzo A. Miner
Aurelius D. Parker.

Ward 5. Henry A. Wells
Theoph.s R. Marvin
Arthur H. Poor
Joseph L. Bates.

Ward 6. Chandler Robbins
J. Baxter Upham
Sam.l K. Lothrop
John Codman.

Ward 7. Augustus Lowell
Chas.s D. Homans
Patrick Riley
Henry H. Haynes

Ward 8. Samuel W. Bates
Thomas M. Brewer
Rufus Ellis.

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Ward 9. John P. Putnam. Ward 11.
William Beck
William Read
Jonnel B. Crafts
Luther Ricks jr.

Ward 10. Geo. H. Randall. Ward 12. Charles J. Porter
Enoch E. Rolfe
Henry A. Drake
Thaddeus Allen
William W. Dean
Edm^d B. Dearborn
George P. French.

Absent. All the foregoing members were present except Messrs. Codman, Drake, Lothrop, Lowell, F. E. Parker, and Rich.

In addition to the above the following newly elected members appeared and took their seats:-

New members present. Sam^l H. Waldron Jr. President of Common Council.

Ward 1. George Fabyan
Charles A. Turner

" 2. J. Harvey Woolley

" 3. Isaac H. Hazelton
Moses C. Greene

" 4. Nath^l B. Shurtleff
Ezra Palmer Jr.

" 5. Wm. E. Townsend

" 6. Robert H. Cooper
Charles Gordon

Ward 7. Le Baron Russell
Farnham Plummer

" 8. George H. Lyman
John B. Alley

" 9. Winslow Lewis
Joseph L. Drew

" 10. Otis Kimball
George G. Smith

" 11. Henry Burroughs Jr.
Thomas N. Chandler

" 12. William Dickinson
Geo. William Dennett.

and Elijah C. Drew, in place of J. D. Coolidge, of Ward

s, resigned, and A. E. Knapp, of Ward 9, in place of Jan. 11. 1858.
John Knell, resigned May 3. 1857; and whose place
was filled, for the remainder of the year, by Convention, July 6th 1857. And there were absent Messrs.
John S. Jarvis of Ward 5, and James A. Sykes of Ward 2.

At the request of the Chair the Reverend Dr. Randall offered an address to the Throne of Grace.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Marvin, Whittlesey and Gordon a Committee to collect the certificates of election of the newly elected members. Committee to collect Certificates of Election.

The Committee attended to that duty and reported the names of said members who were present from the several Wards, respectively; and the report was accepted.

Dr. Lyman offered the following Order: Ordered, That the Salary of the Secretary of this Board, for the ensuing year, be fixed at the same sum as that received by the last incumbent. Salary of the Secretary.

Dr. Kolbe moved to amend the Order by substituting $1000 for $800.

On motion of Dr. Palmer of Ward 4, the subject was laid, temporarily, on the table; and, finally, on motion of Mr. Plimpton, referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Voted to proceed to the election of a Secretary. Election of Secretary.

The Chair read a communication from Grenville

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B. White, appearing for the situation of Secretary of this Board for the year 1858.

Mr. Plummer, from the Committee appointed to collect, assort and count the votes for Secretary, reported, that the whole number of votes to be (63) Sixty three; all of which were for Samuel Capen. Mr. Capen was thereupon declared to be elected.

Rules and Regulations adopted.

On motion of Dr. Lyman the Rules and Regulations of the last Board were adopted for the temporary regulation of the present Board.

The President then announced the following Standing Committees for the year; and they were duly confirmed.

Standing Committees.

Committee on Elections:- Messrs. Beck, Bates, Poor, Jos. L. Drew, and Turner.

Rules and Regulations: Messrs. Lothrop, Miles, Read, Randall and Plummer.

Libraries: Messrs. Drake, Sabine, Ward 4. Mervin, Kimball and Hall.

Accounts. Messrs. Alley, Ham, Rolfe, E. E. Dow, and Richardson.

Text Books. Messrs. F. E. Parker, Codman, Russell, Putnam and Robbins.

School Houses. Messrs. Hooper, Hazelton, Shurtleff, Day, and Eustis.

Music. Messrs. Read, Upham, Endicott, Dearborn and Miles.

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Eaton School. Messrs. Shurtleff, S. E. Parker, Wright, Poor and Robbins.

English High School. Messrs. Bothrop, Messrs. Fabyan, Parks and Putnam.

Girls' High and Normal School. Messrs. Russell, E. Johnson, Lyman, Burr & Burroughs.

Adams School District. Messrs. Sykes, Kinckley, Endworth, Hill, Wright and Woodbury.

Boylston School District. Messrs. Drake, Parker, Dean, Finch, Dickinson & Bennett.

Bowdoin School District. Messrs. E. Johnson, Robbins, Shaw, Shurtleff, Upham, Plimpton, Miner, Hooper, Sampson and Townsend.

Boylston School District. Messrs. A. D. Parker, Codman, Homans, Hooper, Russell, Putnam, Riley, Haynes, Lowell, and Plummer.

Brimmer School District. Messrs. Lyman, Alley, Tuck, Randall, Allen, Read, Lowell, Kimball & Davis.

Chapman School District. Messrs. Wright, Hill, Endworth, Sykes, Kinckley, and Woodbury.

Dwight School District. Samuel B. Swett, Enoch Rolfe, Luther Parker, H. H. Haynes, Burroughs, Allen, Chandler, Sprague, and Rich.

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Eliot School District. Messrs. Tabyan, Simpson, Palmer of Ward 3, Hall, Day, Dyer, Greene, Turner and Jones.

Franklin School District. Messrs. Randall, Ellis, Tuck, Crafts, Allen, Dearborn, Chandler, Richardson, Smith, and Jos. L. Drew.

Hancock School District. Messrs. J. E. Parker, Fabyan, Hall, Palmer of Ward 4. Simpson, Day, Dyer, Sanborn, Minot, Greene and Turner.

Haven School District. Messrs. Drake, Porter, Dean, French, Dearborn, Dennett and Dickinson.

Lawrence School District. Messrs. Porter, Drake, Dean, French, Burroughs, Dennett and Dickinson.

Lyman School District. Messrs. Endicott, Sykes, Wright, Hill, Hinckley, Woodbury and Turner.

Hayden School District. Messrs. Homans, Simpson, Hazelton, Lothrop, Hanson, A. D. Parker & Townsend.

Phillips School District. Messrs. Shaw, J. L. Bates, Upham, Ellis, Eidman, Gordon and Keep.

Quincy School District. Messrs. Ellis, L. H. Bates, Randall, Beck, Brewer, Riley, E. C. Dow, Kimball, and Smith.

Bates School District. Messrs. Mellis, J. L. Bates, Jan. 11. 1858.
Kazelton, Marvin, Poor, Hampton Jarvis, Gordon and Greene.

Winthrop School District. Messrs. Brewer, S. W. Bates, Lyman, Allen, Putnam, Read, Dearborn, Blunt C. Drew, Rolfe, and Kemp.

On motion of Dr. Thurtleff the Rules & Regulations were referred to the Committee on that subject, for revision. Rules and Regulations referred.

On motion of Dr. Parks, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to consider the expediency of so revising the said Rules and Regulations, as to provide that the annual meetings for the election of Teachers shall be place at some time of the year other than during the Summer months. Annual meeting for Election of Teachers: change of time of.

On motion of Mr. Knight Voted to refer the Certificates of newly elected members to the Committee on Elections. Certificates of Election referred.

On motion of Dr. Lyman it was Ordered, That the first-named on each Committee be authorized to call the first meeting of their respective Committees; and that the name of Chairman elected by them be reported to the Secretary of this Board as soon as practicable. First meetings of the Committees.

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Resignation of Mr. Duke.

The Chair read the resignation of Henry A. Duke as a member of the School Committee.

On motion of Mr. Bates, a third ballot, the said resignation was referred to the Committee on Elections.

Reports of Special Committees.

On motion of Dr. Read, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules & Regulations be instructed to consider the expediency of amending Sect. 15. Chap. III. so as to allow reports from Special Committees to be acted on immediately upon their presentation.

Old Hancock School House: division of in Primary Schools.

On motion of Dr. Homans, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be instructed to divide the upper Room of the old Hancock School House, so as to form two Primary School rooms for the use of the Mayhew School District.

On motion of Dr. Bowen, it was

Children of Non Residents

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider what change may be necessary in Section 31 of Chap. VIII, in order that it may be in conformity with the law passed by the last Legislature relative to the children of non-resident parents.

Nominations: Chapman. Grammar & Primary.

Maria L. Kimball was nominated as an Assistant in the Chapman School, & H. Delia Stickney as a Primary Teacher in the Chapman District. And the Meeting dissolved.

Attest: Edmund Capen, Secretary.

A Quarterly Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, February 2, 1858, at 4 o'clock P.M. The President in the Chair. — Feb. 2. 1858.

Present —

The whole Board except Messrs. Codman, Day, Dickinson, C. C. Dean, J. L. Dean, Gordon, Hennens, Jarvis, Kimball, Lowell, Plimpton, Simmons, Snow, Putnam, Rolfe, Russell, Smith & Townsend. — Absentees

Agreeably to a communication from the City Auditor, which the Chair read, it was, on motion of Dr. Shurtleff, — Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to prepare, and submit to the City Auditor, an Estimate of the Appropriations required for the Public Schools for the next Financial year. — Estimate of School Appropriations.

The following-named Teachers were confirmed, on the nomination of their respective Committees: — viz. Helen W. Ivey, an Assistant in the Girls' High & Normal School. — Nominations &c. Teachers. Girls' High &c. Sch.

Kate A. Clement in a Primary School in the Bigelow District. — Bigelow Dist.

William H. Ward, Sub Master, Chapman School; Sarah A. Works, and Amelia E. Temple, Assistants in the Hancock School. — Chapman. Hancock.

Elizabeth C. Coombs in a Primary School in the Lawrence District. — Lawrence District.

Dec. 2, 1858. Committee of Town, Primary, in the Kingston Dist.

Kingston Dist. Kingston and Kingston Primary Districts;

Winthrop " Primary Districts in the Winthrop District.

The following-named teachers were nominated as serving on probation; viz.

Franklin. Francis E. Holcomb an Assistant in the Franklin School.

Kingston Kingston Primary Assistant in the Kingston School.

Quincy Dist. Kingston Primary, in the Quincy District.

J. H. Tuck's services The following Orders; viz. by Hon. Croft, That Mr. J. H. Tuck be paid for services as Asst. Master in the Dwight School from Nov. 9th to the end of the Quarter, Dec. 1st, 1857; and by Hon. Porter, That

Anna M. Gregory's services. James K. Gregory be paid his bill, for services rendered (in a Primary School) in the Lawrence Dist.; and That Mary F. Peeler be paid, as per bill rendered, for services therein specified (in the Lawrence District,— were severally referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mary F. Peeler's services.

Elections: Report of Committee on. The Committee on Elections Report: That they have examined the Certificates of the following-named newly elected members, and find them correct: viz.—

Ward 1. Charles F. Turner and George Tatyan elected for three years.

Ward 2. James K. Sykes, elected for three years.

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Ward 3. Moses C. Greene and Isaac H. Kingston,
elected for three years.

Ward 4. N. B. Hunt Jr. and Ezra Palmer Jr.,
elected for three years.

Ward 5. William E. Townsend,
elected for three years.

Ward 6. Charles Gordon and Robert H. Horton,
elected for three years.

Ward 7. Farnham Plummer and Le Baron Russell
elected for three years.

Ward 8. John B. Allen and Geo. H. Lyman
elected for three years, and
Elijah C. Drew elected for two years.

Ward 9. Winslow Lewis and Joseph L. Drew
elected for three years, and
N. C. Keep elected for two years.

Ward 10. George G. Smith and Otis Kimball,
elected for three years.

Ward 11. Thomas K. Chandler & Henry Bumstead Jr.,
elected for three years, and
Haynes L. Richardson and Seth L. Sprague
elected for one year.

Ward 12. Geo. W.m Dennett and William Dickinson
elected for three years.

For the Committee, W.m Beck.

Read and accepted.

Mr. Beck, from the Committee on Elections, to whom was referred the resignation of Henry- Elections: Report, Com.e on.

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Vacancy. Convention proposed to Brd.

J. Duke, of Ward 12, as a member of the Board, offered the following:—

Whereas, a vacancy exists in this body, occasioned by the resignation of Henry J. Duke, of Ward 12, whose term of office expires in January, 1839. —

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Honorable Board of Aldermen, proposing a Convention of both Boards on Tuesday, February 27th, 1838, at 4 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of filling said vacancy; and that public notice be given of the fact, pursuant to law. Passed; and, thereupon, it was —

Voted, That, when this Board adjourn, it be to meet at the time named in the above Order.

Report of Committee on Rules & Regulations.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations ask leave to submit the following Report on several Orders referred to them at the last Meeting of the Board.

1st. On the order instructing the Committee to consider the expediency of so amending the Rules and Regulations as to provide that the Annual Meeting for the election of Teachers shall take place at some time of the year other than during the Summer months, the Committee think that it is expedient to make some change, but not so great a change as would carry the election, either backward or forward, out of the Summer months; not forward into the Autumn, because September is the beginning of our school-

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year:- it may be said, indeed, to be the beginning Feb. 2. 1858
of the educational year throughout New England.
Among those engaged in the great work of in-
struction, whether in public or private schools, or
in Colleges, if they propose to make any change
in their position, relinquish old or commence
new offices, September is commonly the time
when the change is made. In all institutions
of Education the long vacation, considered as the
close of the year, occurs in warm weather of
the last two Summer months; and, some time
in September, these institutions start afresh,
with whatever new arrangements have been
made for the year.

We cannot alter this general custom. It is
not expedient, therefore, to place our election of
Teachers at some time in the Autumn subse-
quent to September. It is not expedient to car-
ry it backward into the early Spring, because, as
this Board is organized in the second week in
January, and a considerable portion of it may
be new members, these members would not
then have sufficient opportunity to become
much acquainted with the merits and claims
of the teachers upon whose continuance in of-
fice, or discontinuance, they were to decide.
In justice to these members and also in justice
to the Teachers, whose qualifications are to be can-
vassed and acted upon, it is desirable that the

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annual election should be brought as near as may be to the close of the working part of the school year.

The Committee presume that the object aimed at by the mover of the Order will be reached, if the time of the annual election of Teachers be fixed at about a month earlier than it is at present. The Rules now require that the meeting for the annual election of teachers shall be held in July; and that in the month of June the District Committee shall hold a meeting to canvass the claims and qualifications of their respective teachers, and determine whom they will nominate for re-election, &c. — Now, if we so alter the Rules as to require the meeting District Committees to be held in the month of May, and appoint the second week in June as the time for the annual election of teachers, we accomplish the object of the Order under consideration. We seldom have any very warm weather before the middle of June; and the annual exodus, which carries so many of our citizens into the country for two or three months, and makes it difficult to assemble a quorum of the Board, does not occur extensively till about the middle or last of June.

The Committee therefore recommend an alteration of the Rules, fixing the second week in June as the time for the annual election; and submit an order to that effect. (Page 406.)

2nd. On the Order instructing the Committee to consider the expediency of so amending the 13th Section of the 3d Chapter of the Rules & Regulations as to allow Reports from Special Committees to be acted upon immediately upon their presentation, the Committee think that it is clear the section under consideration was not intended to prevent such immediate action, & that, interpreted upon the obvious principle of Parliamentary usage and law, the same subject is not to be committed twice, first to a special and then to a standing Committee; it does not prevent it. The section in question was simply intended to provide that every proposition submitted by an individual member of the Board, to repeal or amend, or upon a subject involving the repeal or amendment of, any of the Rules and Regulations, should go first to some Committee, either standing or special, to consider and report thereupon; and not to prevent immediate action upon the Report of any special Committee to whom such proposition had been referred, even though that report recommended an alteration of the Rules and Regulations.

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Reports of Special Committees: action upon.

To relieve the Section from the ambiguity which has been thought to attach to it, the Committee submit it in a new draft with a slight verbal alteration, which will make its meaning

Feb. 2. 1853. thousand present it to raising it up by hands, as sometimes heretofore, to clog and impede the action of this Board. (Page 406.)

Non Resi-dents

3d. On the order instructing the Committee on Rules and Regulations to consider what changes may be necessary in the 3d Section of the 5th Chapter, that it may be in conformity with the law passed by the last Legislature, relative to the children of non-resident parents, the Committee have to report that they have examined the act of the 5th of May last, referred to in the Order; also, the act of the 24th of March 1853, referred to in the section as it now stands; and have taken into consideration, also, the opinions of City Solicitors, heretofore given to this Board, on the residence and rights of children to attend public schools, when not living with their parents. They have also given heed to some suggestions presented to the Chairman by the gentleman offering the Order in question.

They submit a new draft of the Section, in a form which they think covers the rights and privileges, the duties and responsibilities of all parties concerned. The only point in which this Section, as now submitted, may seem to be not in harmony with the act of the 5th of May 1853, is that we propose that for the admission to any of our schools, of the children of non-res-

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idents' parents, the consent of the Committee of the district in which the school to which admission is sought is situated, must first be obtained, and leave it discretionary with that Committee to remit or not the payment of the sum for which the parent or guardian of the child thus admitted is made liable; — whereas the act itself provides, that consent of the School Committee of any city or town shall first be obtained, and the School Committee of any city or town may remit or remit the payment of the sum for which the parent a guardian is liable. The answer to this objection, if it be one, is to be found in the principle, "qui facit per alium facit per se"; — what the School Committee does through its District Committees, it does itself. If a question of the admission of a child of non-resident parents was brought before the whole Board, its first action would be to refer it to the Committee of the District, to some school in which, admission was sought, — and according to the report of that Committee would probably be the action of the Board.

It is further to be considered that one of our District Committees is numerically larger than the whole School Committee of some of the cities & most of the towns in this Commonwealth. We meet the spirit and purpose of the law, then, by giving discretionary power in the matter to

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our District Committees. With these explanations the Committee offer the following Orders.

Respectfully submitted.

J. K. Lothrop, Chairman.

Amendment of Rules. Annual Meeting in Election of Teachers

1. Ordered. That the 5th Section of the 1st Chapter of the Rules and Regulations be amended by striking out, in the 2nd line, the words "the month of July," and inserting the words, "the second week of June;" - so that the Section will read; "The Board shall hold its annual meeting, for the election of Teachers in the second week of June," &c.

2. Ordered That the 15th Section of Chapter 4th be amended by striking out the word "June", and inserting the word "May" in the first line of the Section; and also by striking out the word "July" and inserting the word "June", in the eighth line of said Section.

Reports of Special Committees to be immediately considered.

3. Ordered, That the 13th Section of the 3rd Chapter of the Rules and Regulations be amended so as to read as follows: Whenever any proposition is submitted by a member of the Board to amend or repeal any rule of the Board, or inserting the repeal or amendment of any regulation of the Public Schools, said proposition, before any action is taken thereon, shall be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, or to such other Committee, special or standing, as the Board may designate; - who shall report thereupon in writing; and said report, together with such recommendations or

orders as may be therein contained, shall be open to the immediate consideration of the Board.

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Amendment of Rules & Regulations.

4. Ordered, That the 31st Section of Chap. VIII of the Rules and Regulations of the Board be amended so as to read as follows: "All children living within the limits of the City, who are not otherwise disqualified, and who are upwards of four years of age, shall be entitled to attend the public schools of the City; but no child whose residence is not in the City, or who has only a temporary residence in it for the purpose of attending the public schools, shall be received or retained in any school except upon the consent, previously obtained, of the District Committee having charge of said school; and said District Committee may, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of May 8th, 1851, require the parent or guardian of such child to pay a sum equal to the average cost per scholar, of such school, for such period as the child may attend thereat."

Children who may attend the Public Schools.

Read, accepted, and the Orders were adopted.

Mr. Miles asked to be excused from serving on the Committee on Music, and he was thereupon excused.

Committee on Music.

Mr. F. E. Parker from the Committee on Text Books reported the following Order, and moved a suspension of the Rules, for its passage: -

Report of Committee on Text-Books: Worcesters

Ordered, That "Worces-

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Pronouncing Spelling Book

ters Pronouncing Spelling Book" be the text-book in Spelling, for such pupils as are admitted to the Grammar Schools, from the Primary Schools, after the usual examinations in March next.

The Rules were suspended. Thereupon, on motion of Dr. Lyman, the Order was laid upon the table.

Superintendent's Quarterly Report

The Superintendent of Public Schools then read, at the request of the Chair, his Fourth Quarterly Report, which was received and placed on file.

Quarterly Reports

The Quarterly Reports of the Committees on the three High Schools and on the Grammar School Districts were read and accepted.

Library Rooms in Mason St

Dr. Lyman offered the following:-

Ordered, That the rooms in the School House in Mason Street, now occupied by the City Library, be prepared for the use of the Girls' High and Normal School, as soon as the Library is removed.

Read and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Dr. Lyman, it was

Brimmer School House.

Ordered, That a Special Committee, consisting of the Committee on School Houses and three members of the Brimmer District Committee, be appointed to inquire into the expediency of asking for a new School House, or for such modifications of the old one as may render it fit for its purpose. To the

Committee on School Houses the Chair joint Messrs. Feb. 2. 1858.
Lyman, Kimball and Read.

On motion of Mr. Wright. — Chapman
Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses School House
inquire into the expediency of adding the lot of land additional
lying South of the Chapman School House, and land to.
between it and Trenton Street, to the premises
of the Chapman School.

On motion of Dr. Upham, it was Means of
Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses Exit
inquire into the expediency of providing more from Grammar
speedy and safe means of exit for the pupils School Houses.
(in case of panic from fire or any other cause) from
the buildings occupied by the various Grammar
Schools in the City.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, Heating
Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses Apparatus,
inquire into the Heating Apparatus in the Prima- Tyler St.
ry School Building on Tyler Street, and take Primy School
measures to remedy its deficiencies should there House
appear to be any.

Mr. Porter offered the following. Laurence Dist.
Ordered, That a new Primary School be organized New Primary
in the Laurence District. Read, and referred to School in.
the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Wright. Heating
Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses Apparatus.

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Tyler St. Primary School House.

inquire into the condition of the Heating Apparatus in the Tyler Street Primary School House, and take measures to remedy the defects therein, if any should be found.

On motion of Mr. Sykes, it was

Single Desks for Primary Schools

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to include, in their Estimate of School Expenses, a sum adequate to furnishing those primary school rooms with single desks, which have not been so furnished.

Report Comm^e on Rules & Reg^ns ordered.

Dr. Lothrop moved, and it was

Voted, to take from the files the last Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations of the Board for the past year, and to refer the first four subjects therein named, to the said Committee of the present Board.

Com. on Rules & Reg^ns to enquire

Voted That the Committee on Rules and Regulations have leave to report in print.

Thanks to Teachers in the Chapman School

On motion of Dr. Shurtleff amended by Dr. Lothrop, Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to communicate the thanks of this Board to the Master, Sub-Master and Head Assistants, and especially to Miss Estelle Dilton, of the Chapman School, for the prudence and coolness manifested by them on the occasion of the recent burning of that house, and for their calm and energetic action in the dismissal of the whole School without the slightest

accident, thereby avoiding the most heart-rending calamity. Feb. 2. 1858.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop it was Medal Scholars: List of Names to be procured.

Ordered, That a sum not exceeding One hundred Dollars be appropriated to meet the expenses of procuring a list of Franklin and City Medal Scholars, arranged in three ways, - alphabetically, according to Schools, and according to dates.

On motion of Dr. Alley, it was Schools for Special Instruction: Committee's Report referred.

Voted to refer the Report of the Committee on Schools for Special Instruction of the last Board, to a Special Committee.

The Chair read a communication from Mr. Sam'l C. Nottage, stating that his name was used without any knowledge or authority from him, on the petition (presented at the last meeting) of Granville B. White to be appointed Secretary of the School Committee. Sam'l C. Nottage: Communication from.

Thereupon the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

Feb. 25. 1858

An adjourned Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall on Tuesday, the 25th. day of February, 1858, at 4 o'clock P. M. — The President of the Board in the Chair.

Present,

Absent members.

The Hon. Benjamin Seaver, Edward A. Crandon, C. C. Dickinson, C. C. Dame, Patrick Gilman, Gardner, Irving Rice, Lewis, Lovett, J. H. Parker, J. C. Parker, Pierce, Putnam, Rice, Russell, Sanborn and Woodbury.

Vacancy filled by Convention. (Ward XII.)

Agreeably to adjournment the Convention was held with the Board of Aldermen for the purpose of filling a vacancy in this Board occasioned by the Resignation of Henry F. Durant, of Ward 12. The Chair appointed Aldermen Wales and Messrs. Upham and Parker a Committee to receive the votes and declare the result. — who reported That the whole number of ballots was 57, and that Thomas Dawes had 56. Mr. Dawes was accordingly declared elected.

The business of the Convention having been accomplished the two Boards separated.

Teachers nominated.

Rowe Grammar School.

Lyman Sch'l.

Jno. H. Hewins was nominated as Assistant in the Rowe School, to commence the first of March. Isabella A. Bird was nominated as Primary Teacher in the Lyman District.

On motion of Dr. Homans, Feb. 25, 1858.

Ordered, That the Eastern School District Committee have leave to transfer the two Primary Schools at present in Cross Street, to the rooms prepared for their reception in the Old Hancock School-House. Eastern District. Primary Schools: Transfer of

On motion of Dr. Miles, School-room in Spring St. Place.

Ordered, That the unoccupied School-room in Spring Street Place may be used for the purpose of a Charity School, to be furnished and warmed without expense to the City; the said room to be vacated when wanted by this Board. for a Charity School.

Mr. Cudworth offered the following:- Ordered, That the Boys and the Girls' Departments of the Lyman School, so far as the appointment of female assistants therein is concerned, be considered and regulated as separate Schools. Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations. Lyman School: The two departments to be considered as separate Schools.

Mr. Wright offered the following amendments to Chapter 10 of the Rules and Regulations; viz. to insert in the clause in Section 2, commencing "The girls' Schools," the following,- "The Mixed Schools (Boys and Girls) organized on this plan shall each be instructed by a master, a sub-master, a head-assistant for each story in the building, and three or Organization of the Grammar Schools.

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more female assistants:" - be added to Section 3rd as follows: - "provided that, in estimating the number of teachers to which any School shall be entitled, under the Rules, the head assistants shall not be counted:" - both of which were - ferred to the Committee on Rules & Regulations.

Lane Place Primary School Room: application to

On motion of Mr. Plummer, -

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be and they are hereby authorized and requested to cause it practicable, in behalf of the Primary School Teachers in Lane Place (Forty-ten District) the propriety of approaching their school-rooms from Rich Street through a Court opposite said Lane Place.

Substitutes: employment and compensation of.

Mr. Hatch offered the following: -

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Board call the attention of the Teachers in the Primary Schools to that portion of Sect. 17, Chap. 3, which says, that "no substitute shall be employed in any of the Primary Schools for more than one day at a time, without the application of one or more of the Sub Committee of the School; and that "the compensation allowed to substitutes in the Primary Schools shall be one dollar per day for each day of actual school-time during which such substitute shall be employed"; & that the Board expect that these requirements will be strictly complied with. After various

propositions to amend, viz: to substitute "Chairmen of the several District Committees" for "Secretary of the Board"; and to strike out in the last five lines, all after the word "employed;" the Order was laid on the table. Feb. 23d, 1855.

Dr. Hooper, from the Committee on School Houses, reported upon various matters referred to that Committee, and offered several Orders, - all of which were adopted, viz: Report Committee on School Houses.

1. Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to prepare the Library Rooms in Mason Street, when vacated, as a Hall and Recitation Room for the use of the Girls' High and Normal School. On motion of Dr. Hopkins this Order was reconsidered & amended by adding the following, - "and that, in making these alterations, regard be had, also, to the proper Acoustic conditions of the said apartment, so as to fit it, at the same time, for an appropriate Music Room." Thus amended, the Order was again adopted. Library Rooms in Mason St. Hall &c. for Girls' High and Normal School.

2. Ordered, That the Masters of the Grammar Schools examine, or cause some competent person connected with the School to examine, the cellars and unoccupied rooms in their respective buildings, during the season of fires; such examination to be made during the first and every succeeding hour of the forenoon and af- Examination of Cellars &c. in season of fires.

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timon sessions, and the result made known to the Masters of the Schools. Also, Ordered That the Superintendent of Schools be requested to arrange and enforce a similar plan for such Primary Schools as are warmed by furnaces.

Doors of School Houses to open outwards.

On motion of Dr. Fiske this Order was amended by adding as follows, viz: "and that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested have the outer doors of the Grammar & Primary School Houses open outwards. Passed as amended.

Dwight School Ho. Warming Apparatus in.

3d. Ordered, That the sum of $330.- the amount of Mr. Kimball's bill for additional warming apparatus in the Dwight School House, be paid.

Bunker School House: enlargement of &c

4. Ordered, That the City Council be requested to enlarge the Bunker School House by raising the building, if practicable, thirteen feet; and putting a Hall and Hat Room, and an additional Primary School Room in the basement.

Report. Committee on School Houses: New Primary School in Lawrence District

The Committee on School-Houses, to whom was referred an Order for the establishment of a new primary School in the Lawrence District, reported the following Order which was adopted, viz: Ordered, That the Assistant teacher in the Salem Street School House be discharged and the room vacated.

Primary School room in

On motion of Dr. Brown, it was Ordered, That the Primary School house in Essex

Place, being no longer needed for school purposes, to be surrendered to the City Government. Feb. 23, 1858. Essex Place.

Dr. Cooper offered an Order to pay Miss Harriett Wentworth, for temporary services as teacher of a primary School in the Boylston District, ($41.67) Refused to the Committee on Salaries. Miss Wentworth's services.

The Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred the following Order, "That the Salary of the Secretary of this Board, for the ensuing year be fixed at the same sum ($800.) as that received by the last incumbent," respectfully recommend the adoption of the same. Per the Committee on Salaries. E. Palmer Jr. Chairman. Read, accepted, and the Order passed. Report, Committee on Salaries; Secretarys Salary.

The Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred the Order, "That J. H. Tuck be paid for services as Sub-Master in the Dwight School from Nov. 9, 1857 to the end of the quarter (Nov. 30, '57) respectfully report. That they have given their attention to the subject, and recommend the adoption of the Order. Respectfully submitted, for the Committee on Salaries, E. Palmer Jr. Chairman. Accepted, and Order passed. Report, Committee on Salaries; J. H. Tuck's Services.

The Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred the Order, "That there be paid to Miss Report, Committee on Salaries;

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Sarah Hentworth services

Sarah Hentworth, in services as Temporary Teacher of Primary School No. 5 William Street, for one month and twenty days, ending the 20th inst., the sum of $41.67 - respectfully report, That they have examined the account, and recommend the adoption of the Order. Respectfully submitted. Per Committee, E. Perkins jr., Chairman.

Read accepted, and the Order passed.

Report Committee on Salaries: Eliz Perkins services

The Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred the Order, "That Mary F. Peebles be paid as per bill rendered, for services as Assistant Teacher of Primary School No. 16 in Fifteenth Ward (Lawrence School District) for four months and eighteen days, - ending on the last day of January, 1858, - $114.80," - after a full consideration of the subject, have instructed the undersigned to make a report of the facts in the case, and have voted to refer the matter back to the Board.

In the first place, the Rules and Regulations of this Board recognize no such office as that of Assistant Teacher of a Primary School.

In the second place, there being no office of that description, no salary is provided for the same. In the third place, if there were an office of this description, it is this Board alone and not the Committee on Salaries, that has the power of fixing the salaries of the Instructors of the Public Schools. In the fourth place, although

this teacher on trial upon Venice Sept. 14. 1857. - Dec. 23, 1858.
nearly six months since, she has neither been
nominated or confirmed, nor has any report of
her appointment, so far as your Committee are
aware, been made to this Board.

Your Committee further report, that, on
visiting the room occupied by the young lady
holding this anomalous office, on a bright,
sun-lit day, she was found to have present,
under her charge, only 21 pupils. From the
condition of the other rooms in the building,
which was erected for and is tenanted by prima-
ry schools only, it was evident that, by a ju-
dicious distribution of pupils, this supplemen-
tary school might be discontinued without in-
the least embarrassing the other schools. Would
not the same fact also prove that the institution
of this office, and the consequent appointment,
never were necessities?

The Committee on Salaries cordially admit that
the incumbent, whose name appears in the order,
should be remunerated, - who is evidently a well-
intentioned, faithful and devoted young lady,
and not in the least degree meriting stricture
for being in this anomalous position.

Respectfully submitted.

For the Committee on Salaries, E. Palmer, Jr. Chairman

The Committee recommended the passage of
the following Order: Ordered, that there be

Nov. 23, 1855. paid to Mary F. Peter, for teaching at the Primary School Building in River Street, from the 14th of Sept. 1857 to Dec. 20, 1858, that sum to which she would be entitled were she a Primary School Teacher in her first year of service: viz, $130.00. Passed.

Eng. High School. City of Lowell Eng. Teacher.

Dr. Lothrop offered the following: -

Ordered, That Mr. Bartholomew be paid for his services as Teacher of Drawing in the English High School, at the rate of Five hundred Dollars a year. Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Eliot School: additional accommodations.

On motion of Dr. Hooper, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to furnish accommodations for the needy scholars in the Eliot School.

Vocal Drill: Recommit of Mr. Smalley moved to Committee.

430 On motion of Dr. Brewer, it was

Ordered, That the Recommit of Mr. Smalley, on the subject of Vocal Drill in the Public Schools, be taken from the files and referred to a Select Committee composed of the same members as the Committee of the last Board having the same subject in charge.

Committee on Schools to Superintend Erection.

The Chair appointed the following gentlemen as the Committee on Schools to superintend the erection of the new Primary School House in Ward 2, viz: Messrs. Ellis, Bates of Ward 2, Ellis, Coburn of Ward 4, & Burroughs.

Adjourned.

Attest. J. Barnard Capen, Secretary.

April 13, 1858.

A Special Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, April 13, 1858, at Two o'clock P.M. The President in the Chair.

Present.

The whole Board, except Messrs. Allen, Chandler, Edmands, Eaton, Dennett, Jos. L. Dunn, Dyer, Gordon, Haynes, Hazelton, Kimball, Lovell, Miner, Penn, Porter, Richardson, Rolfe, Shaw, Shurtleff, Smith, Sykes and the President of the Common Council.

Absent members.

Under a suspension of the Rules, Dr. Read, from the Standing Committee on Music, offered a Series of Orders recommending an Annual Exhibition of the Musical Department of the Schools. A motion to suspend the Rules, to allow the immediate consideration of these Orders, was lost.

Musical Exhibition.

The Chair read a communication from the City Council, - being a Resolve, That, in the opinion of the City Council, a new Grammar School-House should be erected in Ward 12; and requesting the School Committee to select a suitable site, and report thereon to the City Council.

On motion of Mr. S. W. Rolfe said communication was referred to the Committee on School-Houses, to report upon the same at this meeting.

New Grammar School-House in Ward XII.

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Petition. Edwd. Young: Non Sch. House.

A petition from Edward Young and others, inhabitants of Washington Village, (Ward 12) for a new Grammar School House in that place; was laid on the table.

Report on Revision of Rules & Regulations

Dr. Lothrop submitted in print, being City Document No. 17, the Report of the Committee to revise the Rules and Regulations of the Board, which, on motion of Mr. Wright, the Meeting proceeded to consider by Chapters. Chapters One, Two and Three of the Report were adopted.

In the consideration of Chapter IV. Mr. Wright moved to substitute for Sect. 7, which is as follows:- "Sect. 7. Whenever any new text-book is adopted by the Board, it shall be on the condition that the publisher will furnish copies to the pupils of the Public Schools at the wholesale trade price; and it shall be the duty of the Committee on Text-Books to see that this condition is fulfilled, and that said book comes into use at the commencement of the Public Schools after the August vacation, at which time only shall any new text-book be introduced:"- Sect. 6. of the Rules now in force, which is as follows; "Sect. 6. Whenever any new text-book is adopted by the Board, to the exclusion of all other books in use, it shall be on the condition that the publisher will exchange the former without cost to those pupils who may have been provided with the latter; and it shall be the duty of the Committee Text Books, &c.

Upon the motion to substitute, it was Voted, on motion of Mr. Wright, to take the question by Yeas and Nays. The question was so taken; when fourteen gentlemen voted yea, and twenty-nine gentlemen voted nays as follows, viz. Yeas, Messrs. Beck, Italyan, French, Hill, Hinckley, Knapp, Kimpton, Rich, Riley, Sanborn, Simpson, Townsend, Wadleigh and Wright.

Nays, Messrs. J. L. Bates, S. H. Bates, Bowen, Burroughs, Codman, Crafts, Davis, Dearborn, Dickinson, Dunn, Ellis, Greene, Hall, Hemans, Hoopes, Lothrop, Mannix, Mills, E. G. Perkins, Ezra Perkins, A. D. Parker, F. E. Parker, Plummer, Putnam, Randall, Reid, Sprague, Upham, and the President of the Board. So the motion did not prevail.

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Yeas and Nays.

On motion of Mr. Mannix, the further consideration of the Report was laid on the table.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, it was Voted, That, when the Board adjourn, it adjourn for one week.

The Chair read the resignation of Mr. Arthur H. Poor, of Ward 5, as a member of this Board, which was accepted, and, thereupon, on motion of Mr. Bates of Ward 5, the following preamble and Order were adopted: —

Resignation of A. H. Poor.

Whereas, a vacancy exists in this body, occasioned by the resignation of Arthur H. Poor, of Ward 5, whose term of office expires in January,

Vacancy. Convention proposed.

April 15. 1858. 1860, Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen, proposing a Convention of both Boards, on Monday, May 10th, 1858, at 4 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of filling said vacancy; & that public notice be given of the fact pursuant to law.

Vacancies filled in Bigelow, Howes & Lawrence Sch'l Committee

The Chair appointed Mr. Lowe to fill vacancies in the Committees on the Bigelow, Howes and Lawrence Districts, occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Drake of Ward 12.

Report, Committee on School Houses: New School House in Ward Four.

Dr. Hooper, from the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred (at this Meeting) a Resolve of the City Council - approved April 3d, 1858, - reported the following, viz: Resolved, That, in the opinion of the School Committee, - to whom was referred a resolve of the City Council, approved April 3d, 1858, - additional accommodations are needed for a Grammar School in Ward 12; and the vicinity of Fourth and E Streets is a proper location therefor; and the City Council are hereby requested to take the necessary steps to ensure the erection of a suitable Grammar School House in the locality aforesaid, forthwith. Read and passed.

Primary School House in Cross Street, surrender of

On motion of Dr. Hooper, it was

Ordered, That the old Primary School House in Cross Street, now vacated, be surrendered to the City Council.

Mary Jane Tuttle was confirmed as an Assistant in the Hancock School. April 13. 1858. Hancock School.

Betsey H. Hanon was nominated as an Assistant in the Dwight School for Girls, - transfered from a Primary School in the same District. Teachers. Dwight School.

Miss E. Fanny Dan was nominated as Teacher of a Primary School in the Dwight District, - transfered from the Dwight School. Dwight District.

Clara B. Gale and Josephine H. Ellis were nominated as Assistants in the Dwight School for Boys, transfered from the Primary Schools in the same District. "Dwight"

Charles Hutchins was nominated as Sub Master in the Dwight School for Boys, commencing the 5th of April. Dwight.

Mary E. R. Soule and Anna R. Frost were nominated as Primary Teachers in the Dwight District, commencing March 8th. "Dwight."

Emily M. Hathaway was nominated as an Assistant in the Winthrop School. Winthrop School.

Mary E. Neal was nominated as an Assistant in the Winthrop School, transfered from a Primary School in the same District. Teachers.

Adjourned, — no quorum present.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

April 20. 1858

An adjourned Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall on Tuesday April 20th 1858, at 4 o'clock P.M. The President in the Chair.

Absent members

Present, The whole Board, except Messrs. Davis, Day, J.H. Dow, Hunt, Gordon, Haynes, Hazelton, Hooper, Kept. Kimball, Lewis, Lowell, Mann, Mead, C.L. Putnam, Read, Riley, Stanton, Thaw, Simpson, Smith, and the President of the Common Council.

The Chair read a communication from the Board of Aldermen concurring in the proposition of this Board for a Convention of the two Boards, on Monday May 10th, to fill a vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Arthur H. Peor.

Resignation of Chas Gordon

The Chair read the resignation of Charles Gordon of Ward 6, as a member of this Board. Thereupon, Mr. Putnam offered the following preamble and Order, and the same were adopted:—

Vacancy. Convention proposed for filling.

Whereas, a vacancy exists in this Board, occasioned by the resignation of Charles Gordon, of Ward Six, whose term of office expires in 1861.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen, proposing a Convention of the Boards, on Monday, May 10th, at 4 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of filling said vacancy; and that

public notice be given of the fact, pursuant to law. (April 20, 1858.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop the Board took up and resumed the consideration of the Report of the Committee to revise the Rules and Regulations of the last Board. Chapters 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, with some amendments thereto, were adopted; when, on motion of Dr. Upham, the Report was laid upon the table. Report on Revision of Rules & Regulations. (as page 433.)

On motion of Dr. Lyman, Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries report to this Board, at the June Meeting, a schedule of Salaries for the various instructors for the ensuing year. Salaries of Teachers.

On motion of Mr. Wright, Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses inquire into the expediency of raising the roof of the Chapman School House an additional story, or otherwise enlarging the accommodations of that School, during the coming August Vacation. Chapman School House: enlargement &c.

Dr. Upham offered the following Orders, and moved their reference to the Committee on Rules and Regulations; and they were severally:- Annual Musical Exhibition

Ordered, That, hereafter, an annual exhibition of the Musical department of the Public Schools be held at such time as shall be found most expedient, and convenient for the occasion.

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Ordered, That it shall be the duty of the Committee on Music for the time being to assume the care and supervision of this exhibition; to engage a suitable hall or building for this purpose, and make all arrangements requisite for its success.

Ordered, That the expenses of this occasion, and of the necessary preparations therefor, be defrayed in like manner with those of the annual festival for the Medal Scholars.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, it was

Voted, That, when the Board adjourn, it be to Tuesday next, at Two o'clock.

New Primary School House in the Bigelow District.

Mr. A. D. Parker offered the following Order, and the same was referred to the Committee on School Houses:-

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide a suitable Primary School House in the vicinity of Federal Street, as a substitute for the old School house in Williams St, which is unfit for the purpose.

Lyman School: new building for.

On motion of Mr. Endicott,

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses inquire into the expediency of constructing a new building for the Lyman School,- the situation and accommodations of the present building rendering it inconvenient for School purposes.

Mr. Ellis offered the following:- Ordered, That the sum of $75.82 be paid to Miss J. A. Bamill, for services as substitute in the Quincy School, for one quarter ending with the last day of February. Read and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

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Miss Bamill's Services.

The Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred (Feb. 23d) the Order, That Mr. Bartholomew be paid for his services as Teacher of Drawing in the English High School, at the rate of Five hundred Dollars a year, - respectfully Report, That the same ought to pass. For the Committee, E. Palmer Jr.

Eng. High School: Salary of Drawing Teacher. - Report, Com. on Salaries

Read, accepted, and the order passed.

The Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred the Order - That the sum of $75.82 be paid to Miss J. A. Bamill for services as substitute in the Quincy School for one Quarter ending with the last day of February, - respectfully Report, after due consideration, that the same ought to pass. Respectfully submitted, For the Committee, E. Palmer Jr. Chairman.

Report of Committee on Salaries: Miss Bamill's Services

Read and accepted, and the Order passed.

The Committee on Elections have examined the following certificate, and find it correct: Ward 12, Rev. Thomas Dawes, elected in the place of Henry V. Drake, resigned. (Signed) William Rock, Joseph L. Bates. Read and accepted.

Report. Committee on Elections.

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Report,
Committee
on "Instruction
in
Vocal Music"

The Committee to whom was recommitted (Feb. 23d) the subject of "Instruction in Vocal Music," in connection with the application of D. F. Mallby, have attended to the subject, and ask leave to

Report:-

The Committee are unanimously of the opinion that daily instruction with practical exercises in articulation should form a portion of the studies of every School, and must especially in the Primary and younger classes of the Grammar Schools. They find, that, to a very large extent, no attention whatever is paid to this subject; and that, in other Schools, articulation is only irregularly and very imperfectly taught. There are, indeed, several highly creditable exceptions, but the success of these only serves to make more apparent the need of supplying the deficiencies elsewhere.

The Committee are satisfied that, under existing circumstances, the duty of the Board would be but imperfectly performed, were it only to pass an order requiring vocal exercises to be introduced into our Schools; for the important reason that a large proportion of the Teachers are, themselves, deficient in the necessary training, and are not, at present, competent to give the required instructions. The Committee believe that these deficiencies can, without any great expenditure of time or of money, be effectually remedied, and that all the teachers may be prepared, without any

faithful than the first small appropriation, to remedy their present deficiencies.

Mr. Smalley, whose Memorial has been referred, is a gentleman of education and experience, and is possessed of remarkable skill in teaching articulation upon philosophical principles.

The Committee believe him to be well qualified to supply the first great want of our Schools,- proper training and instruction to such of the teachers as may be deficient in this respect.

They do not propose a permanent expense, nor to establish anything that may, hereafter, with any propriety be quoted as establishing a precedent. They find a great want in our Schools, one that can be simply, easily, and cheaply remedied. They propose only such a remedy as will, in their opinion, supply that want and, at the same time, prevent the recurrence from future necessity for similar measures.

They therefore recommend the passage of the following Orders.

Ordered, That the Superintendent be authorized to employ Mr. D. L. Smalley to teach the principles of instruction in Vocal Drill to all the teachers of the Primary Schools in this city:—provided that these instructions shall be continued through at least four months, and that the cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of Five hundred

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Ordered, That no school teacher shall hereafter be appointed unless qualified to give instructions in elementary sounds.

Ordered, That the first ten minutes of each morning, in each room, in all the Schools shall be devoted to exercises in articulation, in such manner as the teachers of the schools shall direct.

Read, and, on motion of Dr. Brewer, laid on the table.

Old Dwight School House: alterations in.

Mr. Cruft, from the Committee on School Houses, offered the following, which was read and adopted: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make such alterations in the Old Dwight School House, in Concord Street, by raising & enlarging said building (or otherwise as may be deemed necessary) to meet the increasing demand for Grammar School accommodations.

Quincy District: Primary School accommodations in.

On motion of Mr. Cruft, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to inquire into the expediency of providing additional Primary School accommodations in the East Orange Street Section of the Quincy School District.

Different Text Books on the same subject:

The Committee on Text Books, to whom was referred (Dec. 29th) the inquiry whether, in any of the Schools, two different text-books upon the same subject are in use in any of the Classes; and

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Report of Committee on Text Books.

if so, what they are and why they are so used? beg leave to Report: That they made due inquiry and received answers, in writing, from all the Schools. In the following nine Schools two different text books on the same subject are not used in any Class; viz. the English High, Lyman, Wells, Quincy, Eliot, Dwight, Bigelow, Girls High and Normal, and the Chapman. In nine Schools the only book used as a second book is Colburns Mental Arithmetic, in addition to Emersons Written Arithmetic; viz,- the Franklin, Boylston, Phillips, Brimmer, Lawrence, Hancock, Mayhew, Hawes, and Winthrop. In the Chapman School other books are used for special exercises. In the Adams School, Colburns Mental Arithmetic is so used; and Swans First Lessons in History, for Worcester; and Fowers Elements, for Bullions. In the Lawrence School a portion of the Second Class have used the First Class Reading Book. The Bowdoin School retains in the upper Classes Robinsons Arithmetic for review. In the Latin School, Chambers Elements of History is used; for Smith; and Wells Geometry instead of a book called "the Science of Form."

If the purpose of the inquiry was to ascertain whether the books used in the Schools are the same books prescribed by the Board, that purpose was not expressed in the Order, and is not answered in the Report. Per the Committee, P. E. Parker, Chairman.

Read and accepted.

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Lectures by Dr. Felton before the High Schools

Dr. Felton offered the following:-

Ordered, That the Committees on the Latin, English High and Girls' High & Normal Schools be authorized to procure to be delivered by Dr. Felton a course of lectures on "the Races of Men and their Migrations" in connection with the studies of History and Geography, before the teachers and pupils of the Latin, English High and Girls' High and Normal Schools, if and so far as said Committees shall find the same expedient; and provided that the cost of the same shall not exceed One hundred dollars for each of said Schools. Read, and referred to the above named Committees, as a joint Committee.

Vacancies in Committees filled. Teachers & Latin Schools

The Chair nominated Mr. Greene on the Committee on Latin Schools, and Mr. Eddman on the Committee on the Latin Schools, the former in place of Mr. Drake, resigned; the latter in place of Nathan H. Poor, resigned.

Nominations. Adams School

The following Teachers were nominated as on probation:- Margaret J. Allen, Head Assistant, & Elizabeth E. Lothrop as Assistant, in the Adams School.

Bigelow Dist. Franklin Dist. Lawrence District.

Mary E. Hillman and Mary A. Davis, Primary Teachers in the Bigelow District.

Frances E. Messenger, Head Assistant, Franklin School. Clara W. Howard and Emma A. Gregory, in Primary Schools in the Lawrence District.

Adjourned. Attest.

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

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An adjourned Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, April 27. 1858, at 4 o'clock P.M. The President in the Chair.

Present. —

Absent members.

The whole Board, except Messrs. Brewer, Cruft, Endicott, Dawes, Day, Dean, Dickinson, French, Haynes, Hill, Hinckley, Kooper, Kimball, Lewis, Lovell, Mann, Putnam, Rand, Porter, Rolfe, Sanborn, Smith, Sykes, Turner, Woodbury, and the President of the Common Council.

Proposition for Convention to fill vacancy.

The Chair read the concurrence of the Board of Aldermen in the proposition of this Board for a Convention, on Monday, the 10th day of May next, for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the School Committee caused by the resignation of Silvan H. Poor, of Ward 5.

Report on Revision of Rules & Regulations

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, the Report of the Committee to revise the Rules and Regulations of the last Board was taken up and further considered by Chapters, commencing with Chap. IX. Chapters IX to XIII, with various amendments, were severally adopted. Upon reconsideration the Report was variously amended, and it as then adopted as the Rules and Regulations of the Board for the ensuing year; and 1500 copies were ordered to be printed.

Rules and Regulations to be printed.

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Annual Musical Exhibition: Report of Committee on

On motion of Dr. Lothrop the Rules were suspended for the presentation of the following Report:

Report —

The Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom were referred, April 22, Resolutions from the Committee on Music in reference to an annual Exhibition of the Music Department of the Public Schools, respectfully Report: — That they have duly considered the subject. They deem it of interest and importance. They have no doubt that, at the annual Examination and Exhibition of each Grammar School, Music should not be overlooked. There should be an examination of the pupils as to their knowledge of its rudiments as a Science, and an exhibition of their skill and power in the practice of it as an Art. But whether there should be any more than this; whether this should be taken out of the category of the studies and have a special exhibition assigned it, is a question which admits of much to be said and considered on both sides. The Committee do not propose to discuss it at length. They are satisfied in view of the prevalent attention to the study and practice of Music, of the extent to which it is admitted and separate studies by itself; and of the [illegible] afforded and the elevation, influence produced, by any studious exhibition of it, — whether of individual skill, or of the power of large numbers combined — that it would be wise to appoint and provide for an annual Musical Festival or exhibition of the pupils of the Public Schools.

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The experiment can be tried for a few years, and, if any evils, and more evil than good, flow from it, it can be discontinued. The time for this exhibition should be so late in the school year as to secure to it, as far as possible, the benefits of the instruction and drill given to the First Class; yet so early as not to interfere with the preparations for the Annual School Exhibition.

It should be at a pleasant season of the year, before the annual dispersion of our citizens, whose interest in this department of instruction in the public schools it would be one object of the exhibition to gratify and awaken. These considerations point to the month of May, and to the Saturday preceding the vacation in that month, as the time for holding the exhibition; and they submit a general order to that effect, which, if adopted by this Board, can be incorporated into the revised edition of the Rules and Regulations, now under the consideration of the Board.

It is understood that the Committee on Music are very desirous that there should be a Musical exhibition this year; but the three weeks that intervene between this and the Saturday preceding the May vacation, would not give time for preparation. If any special arrangement is made for this year, it must relate to a time either on towards the end of the school year.

In regard to this matter the Committee have thought that an experiment might be tried for this year, that might open the way and ultimately lead to some

April 27. 1858. be made the change in the annual School Festival now held in Faneuil Hall on the afternoon of the Exhibitions of the Grammar Schools. It has long been felt by many members of the Board, that the present mode of conducting that festival was, in some respects, wanting in the wisdom, dignity, good taste, and economy that should mark such an occasion. Throughout the year there is no city celebration, where so much money is spent with so little to show for it. It is usually an immense crowd and jam of children, ladies & gentlemen, and the scene of crowding, scrambling &c. that arises when the time for participation in the refreshments, the collation, the creature comforts that are provided, arrives, is anything but an exhibition of human nature in its dignified and pleasing aspects. The speaking is often good; the introduction of the Medal Scholars to the Mayor, the presentation of bouquets, &c. are appropriate and agreeable features in the occasion, and should be preserved. Why not preserve these and change or give up the rest? Why not try the experiment this year, of uniting a Musical festival with these agreeable features of the annual School Festival? Why not let teachers, pupils &c. go home after the annual morning exhibitions of the Grammar Schools, take their dinners with them, and have an hour or two for rest. Then, at four o'clock, let His Honor the Mayor & invited

guests, the School Committee, the Mayor and Aldermen, and such number of the pupils of the public schools as are to take part in the Musical performances, assemble at the Music Hall. Let there be plenty of Music performed by them, - interspersed with addresses, - with the introduction of the Mayor & Aldermen to the Mayor, the presentation of bouquets &c.; and let a Special Committee be joined with the Committee on Music, as a joint Committee, to make all necessary arrangements for the occasion. But let there be no eating or drinking, - nothing of the kind now usually had at Faneuil Hall, - which is neither a dinner nor a collation, and is such a scrambling, irregular and undignified an affair as to give no great pleasure - this part of it, - to any body. This would save the city some twelve or fifteen hundred dollars, and be altogether more worthy of this Board, than the present arrangement. To try the sense of the Board on this point the Committee submit an Order in relation thereto. April 27. 1854.

With the explanations here presented the Committee submit the following Orders; - the first, should it be adopted, to be introduced as a standing regulation between the 3d & 5th sections of the Eighth Chapter of the Rules and Regulations as presented in the Report now before the Board.

For the Committee, P. R. Lothrop Chairman.

Ordered, That there shall be an Annual Exhibi-

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tion of the Financial Department of the Public Schools, to be held on the Mondays preceding the School Vacation, between the hours of twelve and two P.M. at such place as the Committee on Music may select; and that said Committee shall have the supervision of said exhibition, and power to make all necessary arrangements therefor.

Ordered, That, for this year, the usual School Festival in Faneuil Hall be suspended, and that, in place thereof, there be held at the Music Hall, at 4 o'clock P.M. on the day of the annual Exhibition of the Common Schools, a Musical Exhibition of the pupils of the Public Schools, in connection with the introduction of the Medal Scholars to the Mayor, the presentation of bouquets, Speeches, addresses &c.; and that a Committee of five be appointed to act with the Committee on Music, as a joint special Committee, to make all necessary arrangements.

On motion of Dr. Lyman the Report and Orders were laid on the table.

Revised Statutes to be printed when referred to Ann.l Report: 2300 extra copies to be printed.

Ordered, That, whenever reference is made to the Revised Statutes in the case of the Visitors and Regulations adopted by this Board, the Committee be requested to have the portion of the Statute printed in a note at the bottom of the page.

On motion of Dr. Palmer (Ward 4)

Voted to print 2300 extra copies of the Annual Re-

part of the School Committee for the year 1857. (April 27. 1858.

Dr. Shurtleff read the report of the Committee to whom was referred (April 20) the subject of Lectures before the teachers and pupils of the Latin, English High, and Girls' High and Normal Schools by Dr. R. Colgan. "The Committee report that the Order submitted should be amended so that such Committee named in the Order should take such actions as may be thought expedient, and then be passed" — Lectures before the High Schools by Dr. Colgan.

On motion of Dr. Bates of Wards 3, the Order was laid upon the table.

The following teaches were nominated as being on probation: — Nominations.

Sarah E. Goodrich as an Assistant in the Eliot School, commenced March 1st. by transfer from Primary 3 District. — Eliot School District.

Julia A. Cutts, commenced March 30, and Mary E. Binett, commenced March 1st. in Primary Schools in the Eliot District.

Caroline L. Brown, in a Primary School in the Mayhew District. — Mayhew Dist.

Mary A. Sylvester in a Primary School in the Winthrop District. — Winthrop Dist.

Adjourned.

Attest.

Barnard Capen Secretary.

May 10. 1858.

A Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Monday, the tenth day of May, 1858, at 4 o'clock P.M. The President in the Chair.

Present.

Absent members.

The whole Board except Messrs. Bacon, Edmunds, Fay, Lyon, Quincy, Haynes, Kazelton, Homans, Lowell, Mann, R.C. Parker, Rice, Simpson, Sykes, Townsend, Woodbury, and the President of the Common Council.

Convention held to fill vacancies.

Agreeably to assignment, a Convention was held with the Board of Aldermen for the purpose of filling vacancies in this Board, caused by the resignations of Nathan H. Gay, of Ward 5, and and Charles Gordon, of Ward 6.

And the ballots having been taken and counted, to fill the vacancy in Ward 5, it appeared that the whole No. of ballots was 49; necessary for a choice 25: Otis Norcross had 44, J.T. Heard 4 blank 1. and Mr. Norcross was declared elected.

Otis Norcross chosen

And the ballots having been taken and counted to fill the vacancy in Ward 6, the whole No. of ballots was 54: John C. Stockbridge had 53. blank 1, and Mr. Stockbridge was declared elected. The business of the Convention having been accomplished, the two Boards separated.

J.C. Stockbridge chosen.

On motion of Mr. Upham, the two orders pertaining to a Musical Exhibition and to the School

Ordered (Offered at the last Meeting) were taken from the tables. On motion of Mr. Ellis the rules were again laid upon the table. The Second Annual Musical Exhibition Hall, Plummer, Wright and Putnam.

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Annual Musical Exhibition

Dr. Hall offered the following:-

Ordered, That the sum of Twenty two Dollars be paid to Miss Eleanor Breasha, & Twelve Dollars to Miss Anna L. Leonard, for services as Substitutes in the Hancock School. Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Miss Breashars services

Miss Leonards services.

Mr. Wright offered the following:-

Ordered, That there be paid to Miss Emily H. Ward, for services in the Chapman School, from March 22nd to April 2, 1858, the sum of Forty Dollars and thirty eight cents. Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Miss Wards services

Mr. Wright offered the following:-

Ordered, That a new Primary School be established within the limits of the Lexington Street Primary School, Chapman School District, and that suitable accommodations be provided for the same. Read, and referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Chapman District: New Primary School in.

May 10. 1853.

Free Passage from E. Boston for pupils in the High Schools

Mr. Wright introduced the following:-

Whereas, the Latin, English High and Girls High and Normal Schools are instituted and established and are maintained, under the Constitution and Laws of the Commonwealth, for the equal benefit of all the ~~[illegible]~~ of all the inhabitants of the City of Boston:- and

Whereas, the advantages and privileges of these Schools cannot be enjoyed by a large portion of the citizens of East Boston, upon an equality with the residue of said citizens, not at all, without the payment for each pupil, yearly, of a considerable sum of money, for tolls over ferries established by law;- and-

Whereas, the necessity of paying such tolls is oppressive and unequal and unjust tax upon a portion of said citizens, and so as entirely to prevent the enjoyment of said equal privileges by many children of families, therefore -

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Pub. Schools be instructed to provide all children residing at East Boston, who shall be members of the Latin, English High and Girls High and Normal Schools, on and after the commencement of the next School year, with free passes, for all School purposes, and at the expense of the City. The question upon the Order was taken by yeas and nays, when forty two gentlemen voted nay, and ten gentlemen voted yea, as follows: Nays, Messrs. Atty, J. D. Bates, W. H. Bates,

Beck, Bunong, Chandler, Cupt, Dunce, Dean, Dun- May 10. 1858.
ton, Dennett, Dickinson, Dix, Elijah C. Dyer (Jos. L.)
Ellis, Fabyan, Funch, Hall, Jarvis, Keep, Kimball,
Lothrop, Lyman, Mann, Mills, Palmer of Ward
3, Palmer of Ward 4, F. D. Parker, Plimpton, Plum-
mer, Porter, Putnam, Randall, Read, Rich, Rob-
bins, Russell, Sanborn, Shaw, Sprague, Upham,
and the President of the Board.

Yeas, Messrs. Allen, Endworth, Hill, Hinckley, Rich-
ardson, Riley, Robb, Shurtleff, Turner, Wight. So
the Order did not pass.

Dr. Lothrop offered the fol- Supt. of
lowing Order, and moved a suspension of the Rules Schools.
for its passage:-

Ordered, That Mr. J. D. Philbrick, the present
Superintendent of Public Schools, hold over in his
office from the expiration of the year for which he
was last chosen, till the 1st. of September next;
and that his salary in this period be the proportionate part of the sum at which his annual
salary is now fixed. The Rules were suspend-
ed, and the Order passed.

Mr. Dean offered the following; Hawes
Ordered, That the Committee of the Hawes Ward District; New Primary
District be empowered to establish a new Primary School at South Boston Point. Read, and referred School
to the Committee on School Houses. in.

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Brimmer Sch. House: Alterations in

On motion of Dr. Lyman,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to make such alterations in the Brimmer School House, during the coming Summer vacation as may be necessary to give the increased accommodations required.

Report Committee on Salaries: on Services of Miss Bruska and Miss Leonard.

"The Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred the Order in reference to the payment of Misses Bruska and Leonard, report that they have considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following Order":-

Ordered, That there be paid the sum of $22.00 to Miss Eleanor Bruska for 22 days' service as an assistant, ending with Saturday last; and to Miss Anna L. Leonard, the sum of $15.00 for fifteen days' service as an Assistant, ending on Saturday last;- read, accepted, and the Order passed.

Nominations of Teachers- Hancock School. Chapman School. Lawrence Dist. Hyde School Quincy Dist.

The following Teachers were nominated, on probation:- Angeline F. Bigelow, Head Assistant, and Lucretia Pomeroy and Eleanora Bruska, Assistants, in the Hancock School. Emily H. Ward, Head Assistant in the Chapman School. Emma L. Jarvis, Primary, in the Lawrence District. Mary E. Hodges, Primary, in the Hyde School. Mary A. Gove was confirmed as a Primary teacher in the Quincy District.

And the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

A Quarterly and Annual Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the first day of June, 1858, at 4 o'clock P.M. the President in the Chair. Present, the whole Board, except Messrs French, Kimball, Lewis, Lovell, Miner, Palmer of Ward 4, Rich, Shaw, Simpson, and the President of the Common Council. — June 1. 1858. — Present Members

The Chair nominated Messrs Stockbridge and Nichols to fill vacancies in the Phillips School Dist. Committee; and, also, the same gentlemen to fill vacancies in the Wells School Dist. Committee, caused by the resignations of Messrs Pool & Gordon. — Vacancies in Committees filled.

Miss Frances H. Nichols was nominated as an Assistant in the Boylston School, from May 10th. — Nominations: Boylston School.

Annie E. Wallcut was nominated as a Primary Teacher in the Hawes School District. — Hawes Dist.

Mercie T. Snow was confirmed as an Assistant in the Brimmer School. — Brimmer School

The Committee on Elections have examined the following Certificates, and found them correct:— Ward 5. Otis Norcross in place of W. H. Fox resigned. " 6 John C. Stockbridge in place of Charles Gordon resigned. Signed William Beck, Silas F. Simpson, Joseph L. Bates. — Report of Committee on Elections.

June 1st 1858.

Report of Committee on School Houses:- New Lyman School House. Chapman Sch. House. New Primary Schools in Chapman, Haven & Quincy Districts

The Committee on School Houses, to whom were referred the various orders relative to the erection of new School Houses, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report:-

That it is not expedient, at present, to build a new Lyman School House at East Boston.

That it is not expedient to raise the roof of the Chapman School House.

That a new Primary School is needed in the Chapman School District.

That a new Primary School is needed in the Haven School District; and, that an additional Primary School is needed in the East Cottage Street Section of the Quincy School District. All which is respectfully submitted. For the Committee, R. W. Hooper.

The following Orders, appended to the Report, were adopted:-

Ordered, That a new Primary School be established in the Chapman School District, and that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to furnish accommodations for the same.

Ordered, That a new Primary School be established in the Quincy School District.

Ordered, That a new Primary School be established in the Haven School District, to be placed in the room arranged by the Committee.

Report of Com. on Libraries:- Mr. Hunnewell, from the Committee on Libraries, who were ordered April 29th to report a schedule of Libra-

ies for the various instructors for the ensuing year, made a verbal report, recommending no change in the rates of the present year, and the report was accepted. June 1. 1858. Salaries of Instructors

The Quarterly Reports on the condition of the several High and Grammar Schools and of the Primary Schools in the several Districts, were read and accepted. Quarterly Reports

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to inquire into the expediency of establishing a new Primary School in East St. Place. New Primary School in East St. Place

The two following Orders were offered and referred to the Committee on School Houses: viz. New Primary School in

Ordered, That the Dwight District Committee be authorized to establish a new Primary School in said District. Dwight Dist.

Ordered, That the Winthrop District Committee be authorized to establish a new Primary School in the house in East St. Place. New Primary School in Winthrop Dist.

The Superintendent of Schools next rendered his Quarterly Report, which was accepted. Supt's Quarterly Report.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop. Voted to refer the subject of the Manual of Primary School Instruction - now in preparation by the Superintendent & the Committee; and the Chair Manual of Primary School Instruction.

June 1. 1855. appointed as that Committee Messrs. Lothrop, Mills, Haynes, Endicott & and Burroughs.

Chapman School additional land for

On motion of Mr. Wright, —

Ordered. That the City Council be requested to purchase the whole, or such part of the land lying South of the Chapman School House, and between it and Trenton Street, as they shall deem expedient, and annex the same to the yard of the Chapman School House.

Annual Election of Teachers

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, the Board proceeded in Secret Session, to the annual Election of Teachers.

The Masters of the several High and Grammar Schools were re-elected by ballot, upon nomination of the Committees on the respective Schools, as follows: —

Latin Francis Gardner. English High Thomas Sherwin. Girls High and Normal William H. Seavey. Adams Percival W. Bartlett. Bigelow Joseph L. Eaton. Bowdoin Daniel C. Brown. Bigelow Charles Kimball. Brimmer Joshua Bates. Chapman John P. Averill. Dwight (for Boys) James A. Page (for Girls) George B. Hyde. Eliot Samuel H. Gilson. Franklin Samuel F. Gould. Hancock George Allen Jr. Hawes Samuel Barrett. Lawrence Josiah F. Stevens. Lyman Moses K. Lincoln. Mayhew Samuel Swan. Phillips James Savage. Quincy Charles C. Valentine. Wells Reuben Swan. Winthrop Robert Swan.

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The Subordinate Teachers in the Highland Grammar Schools, and the Teachers of the Primary Schools, were confirmed, on nomination of the Committees on the respective Schools and Districts, as follows:-

Latin School George Eaton, Sub-Master, Charles J. Capen, William R. Dimmick, and Edwin A. Gibbens, Ushers, N. B. C. De Monluchy, Teacher of French.

English High Charles M. Cumston, Second Sub-Master, Luther V. Anderson, and Ephraim Kurd, Ushers; William N. Bartholomew, Teacher of Drawing.

Girls' Highland Normal School, Mary F. Currier, Head Assistant; Harriet C. Cruft, Caroline E. Spurrell, Maria A. Bacon, Margaret A. Badger, and Helen W. Avery, Assistants. Adams, Robert C. Metcalf, Sub-Master; Jane S. Tower, Head Assistant; Lucy F. Wiggin, Charlotte L. Stockwell, Fanny R. Edmunds, Eliza A. Wiggin, Sarah J. D'Arcy, Jane M. Highland, Hannah R. Chadbourne, Assistants. Adams District, Primary Teachers: Rosa L. Morse, Emily C. Morse, Louisa D. Pratt, Sarah F. Wiggin, Annette A. Webster, Elizabeth C. Allen, Frances H. Rodolin, Susan L. Hilde, Helen A. Plumley, and Esther L. Morse.

Bigelow Julia M. Baxter, Celinda Stevens and Rachel C. Mathes, Head Assistants, Martha C. Jenks, Elizabeth Williams, Mary E. Pope, Emily A. Russell, Jane M. Channing, Assistants. Caroline E. Pope, Teacher of Sewing. Bigelow District, Primary Teachers: Annie C. Gill, Lucy E. Lovell, Sarah E. R. Channing, Lily Ann Bolkcom, Ellen L. Ashcroft, Emeline L. Inman, and Ruth S. Dillaway.

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Boardman. Emp. E. Endicott, Rebecca Lincoln, and Emp. Ann Smith, Head Assistants. Emp. E. Robinson Elizabeth B. Elkins, Hannah M. Andrews, Martha A. Palmer, Mary A. Proctor, Sophia B. Hovey, Jane H. Hartwell and Emp. E. Clapp, Assistants.

Boardman District. Primary Teachers. Catherine L. Rea, Emp. A. Eaton, C. Eliza Wilson, Charlotte F. Curtis, E. Elizabeth Adams, Caroline Hopkins, S. D. K. Whitman, Lydia H. Woodward and Sarah A. Bushing.

Boylston. William H. Adams, Principal, Mellen H. C. Hall. Miss J. Moody, Head Assistant. Clarinda R. Fowler, Ellen M. Chadwick, Daniel C. Eaton, Emp. E. Hildreth, Martha C. Hodges, Mary A. Smith, Caroline Leavitt, Miss E. Hamilton, Ellen Wilson and Sarah Fuller, Assistants. Eliza A. Bayley, Teacher of Sewing. Boylston District. Primary Teachers. Adeline E. Edwards, Harriet N. Hopkins, Maria W. Parker, Theresa F. Leonard, Mary E. Thayer, Ann M. Parker, Emily Foster, Maria B. Clapp, Celeste Reed, A. E. N. Treadwell, Angelia M. Brownell, Celia C. Reed, Harriet J. Coburn, Julia B. Lombard, Anna M. Lecain, Harriet R. Cutler, E. Isabella Hopkins, Lydia B. Fell.

Brimmer. Fred. A. Sawyer, Sub-Master. William H. F. Boardman, Usher. Rebecca L. Duncan, Head Assistant. Mary E. Beck, Susan P. Cunningham, Mary C. Knight, Fanny A. Dix, Ellen B. Cunningham, Augusta K. Bruce, Harriet A. Knight, and Amanda Dix, Assistants.

Brimmer District. Primary Teachers. Elizabeth Goodridge, Ellen F. Andrews, Sarah R. Bowles, Priscilla L. Tufts,

Lucas B. Baldwin, Deborah K. Burgess, Mc Anne Keene, Ethic K. E. Richardson, Rebecca J. Horton, Sarah E. Gillespie, and Eliza E. Foster. Chapman. William H. Ward, Sub-Master, Estelle Dickerman, and Phebina Wright, Head Assistants. Helen C. Caldwell, Hattie C. Clapp, Mary F. K. Pingree, Harriet D. Kimball, Mary E. Harden, Mary Hone, Assistants. Chapman District, Primary Teachers: Hannah J. Eagles, Louisa Eustis, Lucretia B. Foster, Huldah K. Litchell, Emily E. Hunkins, Mary D. Lane, Jane E. Neale, Sarah A. Platt, Mary E. Moore, Mary O. Smith and A. Delia Hickney.

Dwight (for Boys) Charles Hutchins, Sub-Master, Frank Bailey, Usher. Anna E. Ellis, Head Assistant. Emmabel F. Bailey, Martha C. Hall, Lucretia E. Josselyn, Eliza C. Gould, Almira M. Bridge, Anna C. Hallock, Clara B. Gould and Josephine A. Ellis, Assistants. Dwight (for Girls) Eliza A. Harding, Head Assistant. Louisa Tucker, Susan E. Green, Almira G. Wright, Frances A. Keller, Janet M. Cruikshank, Ann J. Holden and Betsey H. Warren, Assistants. Eleanor L. Brown, Sewing Teacher. Dwight District, Primary Teachers: Eliza E. Swett, Augusta D. Davis, Mary F. Howe, Jane P. Holcomb, Henrietta Draper, Mary E. H. Swett, Caroline S. Ham, Mary N. Hall, Elizabeth Newman, Caroline L. Lamb and Anna R. Frost.

Eliot. McLaurin P. Cooke, Sub-Master, Abby A. Marsh, Head Assistant. Lucian Hunt, Hattie Sophia Shepard, Fanny R. Richardson, Emily J. Thatcher, Elizabeth M. Turner, Anna E. Dyke, Frances M. Bodge,

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Gelinda Taylor, Martina E. Cate, Clara E. Nichols, and Sarah E. Goodrich, Assistants. East District Primary Teachers. Sarah F. Train, Harriet L. Bordy, Hannah E. Chevallier, Louisa Myers, Clarissa Davis, Caroline L. Adams, Susan Rose, Louisa J. Durrell, Mary A. Cushing, Eliza Burntall, Sarah Ripley, Julia Ann Cate, L. Isabella Tuttle, Helen M. Adams, Mary E. Barrett, and Maria A. Gibbs.

Franklin. Catherine J. Simonds, Abby F. Johnson, Frances E. Messinger, Head Assistants. Sarah A. Gale, Elizabeth E. Bradbury, Mary J. Dixon, Elizabeth J. Simonds, Mary E. Mitchell, Sarah L. Mitchell, and Frances E. Wadsworth, Assistants. Maria L. Wolcott, Sewing Teacher. Franklin District, Primary Teachers: - Jane F. Hobart, Susan H. Chaffee, Nellie K. Sweetser, Helen E. Eaton, Caroline J. Brown, Josephine G. Whipple, Ellen Knight, Caroline A. Mellen, Lucy M. Peck, Eliza J. Dyer, Eliza Henshaw, Hannah E. Eveleth, Harriet M. Saxon.

Hancock. Phineas G. Parmenter, Sub-Master, Angelina A. Brigham Head Assistant. Henrietta L. Pierce, Sarah E. White, C. A. Brigham, Assistant, Anna, Mary F. Gale, Mary J. Fuller, Emily C. Spencer, Sarah M. Works, and Mary J. Farrar, Assistants. Anna M. McKay, Sewing Teacher. Hancock District - Primary Schools. Samuel L. Ellis, Nancy M. Bowers, Emily N. Newbury, Eliza A. J. Page, Margaret W. Hall, Sarah L. Whitmore, Harriet N. Yeo, Caroline L. Reed, Martha L. Bordy, Mary B. Ellis, Annah E. Page, Susan Page, Betsey L. Canada & Anna K. Burns.

Hawes. Charles N. Morrill, Sub-Master. Mary E. Ritch, June 1, 1858.
Head Assistant. Martha A. Dunbar, Emma Bartlett, Myra S. Butterfield, Lucy R. Loyd, and Cynthia H. Sears, Assistants. Hawes District Primary Teachers: Emma J. Gray, Caroline F. Merrill, Mary H. Tyler, Adaline B. Jewell, Susan W. Smith.

Lawrence. Henry C. Hardon, Sub-Master, L. F. Bradley, Lucy Floyd, and Kate Towne, Head Assistants. Alice Cowen, Mary J. Normand, Olive M. Jeffords, E. F. Jeffords, Mary Jane Meader, Marie Ann Hale, Louise C. Richards and Mary V. Dillaway, Assistants. Norah J. Hiss, Teacher of Sewing. Lawrence District Primary Schools: Lucinda Smith, Elizabeth C. Combs, Mary C. Fox, Mary J. Baker, Martha A. Smith, Mary K. Lewis, Anna M. Gregory, Sarah K. Glover, Rebecca H. Reid, Mary Lincoln, Anna R. Thornton, Mary A. Macnair and Laura A. Reed.

Lyman. James F. Blackinton, Sub-Master, Mary C. Bullock and Mary J. Gage, Head Assistants. Cordelia Cotting, Maria G. Smith, Mary A. Turner, Amelia H. Pitman, Eliza F. Russell and Clara M. Crosby, Assistants. Lyman District Primary Teachers: Angeline M. Cudworth, Hannah L. Hanson, Isabella M. Bibby, Hannah C. Atkins, Susan K. M. Swan.

Mayhew. Alfred Hewins, Sub-Master. Quincy E. Dickerman, Usher. Emilie A. Hamblen, Head Assistant. Elizabeth P. Hopkins, Sarah W. Copeland, Elizabeth L. West, Helen M. Pearson, Adeline F. Cutter, Assistants. Mayhew District Primary Teachers: Anne

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Ida Stevens, Caroline Mason, E. Viola Emmit, Bethia Whiting, Harriet A. Mason, Harriet L. Mason, Caroline L. Brown, C. Wallender, Mary E. Richardson and Henrietta B. Low.

Phillips. Simpkins Gates, Sub Master, John H. Edmund Kelly, Helen L. Gilson, Assistant, Eliza L. Copeland, Lina Whitman, Lina H. Cunningham, Lucy L. Means, Hannah M. Sutton, Mary L. Glover, Harriet Cunningham and Lina M. Parker, Assistants. Phillips District. Primary Schools: Mary A. Allen, Sarah L. Mason, Lydia L. Peck, Caroline F. Eastman, Ellen L. Lincoln, Eliza A. Corthell, Sarah Ingalls, Harriet N. King, Emeline L. Peck, Ruth H. Sexton.

Quincy. Benjamin H. Putnam, Sub Master, Richard T. Putnam, Usher, Edward Gay, Usher, Josephine L. Locke, Head Assistant, Lydia A. Henson, Angelina Richardson, Charlotte L. Whittemore, E. Maria Simonds, Harriet D. Hinckley, Caroline F. Morris, Olive M. Page, and Julia A. Burrill, Assistants. Quincy District. Primary Schools: Hannah A. Lawrence, Adeline Hackridge, Lucy C. Mackett, Mary C. Cross, Charlotte L. Young, Elizabeth Simmons, Mary A. McCoy, Caroline L. Perry, Caroline M. Green, Frances Torrey, Hannah E. Moore, Hannah L. Billings, Emily B. Peck, and Harriet A. Dow.

Wells. William H. Swan, Sub Master, Matilda A. Gray, Head Assistant, Sarah J. Lothrop, Susan C. French, Juliana Mansell, Mary L. Carter, Lydia L. Chamberlin, Sarah E. Higgin, Lydia A. Peck, Assistants.

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Wells District Primary Teachers. Mary L. Bailey, Anna A. James, Elizabeth H. Snow, Augusta H. Tobin, Lucy C. T. Redding, Clemina R. Crosby, Elizabeth T. Gibbs, Elizabeth S. Foster, Mary A. P. Collins, Mary J. Wells.

Winthrop. Susan A. H. Loring, Rebecca P. Bancy, Martha E. Crane, Annia Seymour, Annia L. T. Hortwick, Hinds. Assistants. Elizabeth R. Briggs, Caroline A. Rogers, Martha P. Colton, Mary Jane Danforth, L. Ellen Sprague, Hannah H. Hosmer, Eliza J. Reed, Georgianna E. Spinell, Mary E. Ward and Emily C. H. Whitman, Assistants. Winthrop District Primary Teachers: Anna C. Jones, Mary B. Brown, Rebecca R. Thayer, Mary E. Tolman Hill, Mary T. Castlebrook, Elizabeth T. Butler, Mary C. Jennison, Sarah E. Lewis, Mary A. T. Parker, Hannah M. Betts, Priscilla Johnson, Elizabeth C. Trunk.

Dr. Read, from the Committee on Music, nominated Teachers of Music in the several Schools, who were confirmed, as follows: viz. Charles Butler, in the Girls' High and Normal, Adams, Bowdoin, Boylston, Chapman, Dwight, Eliot, Franklin, Lyman, Quincy, and Winthrop. Albert Drake in the Bigelow, Hawes and Lawrence. Edwin Bruce in the Brimmer, Hancock, Phillips and Wells. Samuel Swan in the Mayhew.

Music Teachers elected.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, the Board proceeded to ballot for the choice of a Superintendent of Schools. The Chair appointed Messrs. Lothrop, Sanborn and J. L. Dean a Committee to

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elected the votes, and report the result; when it appeared that the whole no. of votes was 51. necessary to choice 26; and that Mr. John D. Philbrick had 45. Mr. Philbrick was accordingly declared elected.

Salaries of Teachers fixed

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, it was

Voted, That the Salaries of the Teachers for the ensuing year be at the same rates as for the present year.

Salary of Supt of Schools

Voted, That the Salary of the Superintendent of Schools be the same for the ensuing as for the present year.

Mr. James Robinson appointed teacher of Writing &c.

Dr. Lothrop renewed the motion by him and adopted Nov. 10. 1857; viz. —

Ordered, That Mr. James Robinson be appointed an assistant teacher for the ensuing school year to perform such services in Writing and Arithmetic and in instruction in Book-Keeping, in either of our Schools, as he may be called upon to perform by the Superintendent or either of the Chairmen of our District Committees, at a salary of Six hundred Dollars a year.

The Board then adjourned.

Attest:

Bernard Capen, Secretary.

A Special Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Thursday the first day of July, 1858, at 4 o'clock P.M. The President in the Chair. July 1. 1858.

The hour for which the meeting was called having arrived and no quorum being present, the Secretary called the Roll; when it appeared that the following-named gentlemen were absent; viz. Messrs. Jos. L. Bates, S. H. Bates, Brewer, Codman, Chandler, Cluft, Dennett, Dickinson, J. L. Dix, Dyer, Ellis, French, Kenzelton, Hinckley, Homans, Horton, Keep, Kimball, Lewis, Lowell, Lyman, Norcross, Parks, Plummer, Porter, Randall, Rich, Sanborn, Shaw, Smith, Spague, Sykes, Townsend, Upham, Wadding, and the President of the Common Council. No Quorum. Roll called. Absent Members.

Of the foregoing persons who were absent, the following-named gentlemen appeared after the call of the Roll and were present at the meeting; viz. Messrs. J. L. Bates, S. H. Bates, Codman, Cluft, Dennett, Dickinson, Ellis, French, Hinckley, Homans, Keep, Rich, Sanborn and Upham.

Nominations.

Mr. Wright nominated Lucy E. Howard, Teacher of a Primary School in the Chapman District. Chapman District.

Dr. Hall nominated for re election Miss Sarah E. Shepard and Miss Mary E. Keith in Primary Schools in the Hancock District, and moved a suspension of the Rules for that purpose. The Hancock District.

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Annual Report of Comm^e on Text-Books.

Rules were suspended; and those teachers were elected.

Mr. F. E. Parker, Chairman of the Committee on Text-Books, presented in print, - City Doc. No. 30, - and read, the Annual Report of that Committee, as follows: -

The Committee on Text-Books respectfully present their Annual Report:

In compliance with the Rules of the Board, they have examined the course of studies prescribed for the Schools, and recommend such changes as seem to them at present expedient in the text-books.

These changes affect only two branches of study, to wit, Reading and Arithmetic. In the first of these, it has long been evident that the books in use were not suited to the pupils or satisfactory to the teachers. A partial change was made two years ago, by the introduction of Hillard's First Class Reader, and a further change was then contemplated and sanctioned by the vote of the Board, but was frustrated by the refusal of the publishers to furnish the books according to the Rule. The Committee now propose to carry out the improvement then commenced, and recommend that Hillard's Second, Third, and Fourth Class Readers be the text-books in Reading for the corresponding classes in the Grammar Schools, and that, in the First Class, either Hillard's First Class Reader, or Sargent's Standard Fifth Reader, be used, at the election of the Sub-Committee of each School.

In some of the Primary Schools a larger range of reading books had been rendered necessary by the new system

of classification; and, to meet this want, it is proposed July 1. 1855.
that each District Committee may order Sargent's Hand-
and Second Reader to be used as an additional Reading
Book, in such Primary Schools in its District as it may
deem expedient.

In Arithmetic the most simple and effectual
arrangement for the Grammar Schools, in the opinion
of the Committee, is the use of two books only, one for
mental and one for written Arithmetic. The multi-
plicity of books on this subject is an inconvenience
to the teacher, and an impediment to the scholar, to
each of whom one good treatise on each branch is
enough for the attention and the memory. In choos-
ing a treatise on mental arithmetic, all the arithme-
ticians with whose opinions the Committee are
acquainted agree that Warren Colburn's First Lessons
is the best book ever written. It is now used in nine
of the Grammar Schools, and, if there be added to it a
few pages of examples for the slate, so that the transi-
tion to a second book may be easy, it is believed that
its introduction into all the schools will be found wel-
come and useful.

This change renders necessary a new work in place
of the two books by Mr. Frederic Emerson, so long used
in our schools. A large proportion of Emerson's Sec-
ond Part is filled with examples of mental Arithme-
tic, which are now little used, and which, if War-
ren Colburn's First Lessons are introduced, will be quite
superfluous; and the remaining pages of the Second

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Part will also be superseded by the proposed additions to the First Lessons. Emerson's Third Part cannot be usefully employed without the Second, and it is believed that a book better adapted to the demands of Arithmetical Science, can easily found and substituted. Greenleaf's Common School Arithmetic is such a book, and is recommended to be used as the only text-book on Written Arithmetic.

To these suggestions the Committee add the recommendation made by them in a previous report, of Worcester's Spelling Book as the text book in Spelling for the Grammar Schools, and of Stearns's Practical Guide to English Pronunciation, as a text-book for the First Class. A few minor changes have been introduced which will sufficiently appear upon the examination of the following orders, which the Committee propose as the result and summary of this report.

1. Ordered, That one treatise on Mental Arithmetic and one treatise on Written Arithmetic, and no more, shall be used as text-books in our Grammar Schools.

2. Ordered, That Sargent's Second Standard Reader may be used as an additional reading book, in such Primary Schools in each District, as the Sub-Committee for such District shall direct.

3. Ordered, That Chapter X of the Rules and Regulations of this Board be amended by striking out Sections 9, 10 and 11, and substituting the following, viz:-

Sect. 9. The books and exercises of the several classes shall be as follows, viz:

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Class 4. – No. 1. Worcester's Spelling Book. 2. Hillard's Fourth Class Reader. 3. Writing in each School, in such Writing Books as the District Committee may appoint. 4. Drawing in Bartholomew's Drawing Book. 5. Thurber Colburn's First Lessons.

Class 3. – No. 1. Worcester's Spelling Book. 2. Hillard's Third Class Reader. 3. Writing, as in Fourth Class. 4. Greenleaf's Common School Arithmetic. 5. Drawing in Bartholomew's Drawing Book. 6. Mitchell's Primary School Geography. 7. Tower's Elements of English Grammar.

Class 2. – No. 1. Spelling. 2. Hillard's Second Class Reader. 3. Writing as in Class 4. 4. Greenleaf's Common School Arithmetic. 5. Mitchell's School Geography, Atlas and Questions, with exercises in Map Drawing, on the blackboard, and by pen and pencil. 6. Tower's Elements of English Grammar; or Bullions's Analytical and Practical Grammar. 7. Exercises in Drawing and Composition; and, in the boys' schools, Declamation. 8. Evans's First Lessons in the History of the United States.

Class 1. – No. 1. Spelling. 2. Reading in Hillard's First Class Reader, or in Sargent's Fifth Reader, at the election of the Sub-Committee of each School. 3. Writing, as in Class 4. 4. Geography, as in Class Two. 6. Bullions's Analytical and Practical Grammar. 7. Exercises in Composition, and, in the boys' schools, in Declamation. 8. Drawing. 9. Worcester's Dictionary. 10. Book keeping by single and double entry. 11. Worcester's History. 12. Hall's Manual of Morals, – a Monday morning lesson; with oral

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instruction. 13. Instruction in Natural Philosophy, using Parker's Compendium, or Olmsted's Rudiments as a text-book, with the Philosophical Apparatus provided in the First Class. 14. Instruction in Physical Geography, by occasional exercises, - the treatise of Warren, or of Cutler, being used as a text-book.

Sect. 10. In teaching Arithmetic to the several classes, every teacher shall be at liberty to employ such books as he shall deem useful, for the purpose of finding illustrations and examples; but such books shall not be used to the exclusion or neglect of the prescribed text-books; nor shall the pupils be required to furnish themselves with any books but the text-books.

T. E. Parker, John Codman, 2d
Baron Russell, John T. Putnam, Chandler Robbins, Committee.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, it was
Voted to accept the Report, and to take up and consider the orders separately.
Order No. 1 was adopted. Order No. 2, on motion of Dr. Read, was laid upon the table. Order No. 3 being under consideration, it was voted, on motion of Mr. Wright, to postpone the further consideration of the report until Tuesday, July 13th.

Report of Comm^e on School-Houses:

The Committee on School-Houses, to whom was referred (June 1st) an order to consider the expediency of establishing a new Primary School in East St. Place. (Quincy District,) offer the following Order: -

Ordered, That a new Primary School be established in East West Place; and that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to furnish a room in the Old Winthrop School House, in East Street, for the purpose. Per the Com. on School Houses, R. W. Hooper, Chairman. Read, accepted, and the order passed. — July 1. 1855. New Primary School in East St. Place.

The Chair read a communication from Cornelius Walker on the subject of Phonetics, or a Vocal Drill, &c.; offering himself as a candidate for the place of Teacher in that department. On motion of Mr. Mann the communication was laid on the table. — Phonetics, or Vocal Drill: communication from Cornelius Walker.

On motion of Dr. Read, it was — Committee on Music to Rep't in print.

Voted, That the Committee on Music have leave to make their semi-annual Report in print.

On motion of Mr. Mann it was — Com^ee on Text-Books: Report in print.

Voted to sanction the printing of the Report of the Committee on Text-Books.

On motion of Dr. Hall, it was — New Eliot School House.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to take speedy and efficient measures for the erection of a new Grammar School House in the Eliot District.

On motion of Mr. Ellis it was — Text Books: Reconsideration of post'ponement.

Voted to reconsider the vote whereby the Board postponed the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Text Books.

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New Primary School in Chapman District.

On motion of Mr. Wright,

Ordered, That the Chapman District Committee be authorized to establish a new Primary School, by dividing the School located at No. 376 Saratoga Street in Ward 2.

Evening School privileges.

Mr. Allen offered the following:-

Ordered, That each member of this Board inform himself as well as he may be able, in regard to the importance of considerable evening-School privileges in this City, in addition to those hitherto afforded.

On motion of Mr. Marvin the Order was laid on the table.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. French, the Board adjourned to Tuesday, July 13th.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

July 13. 1858.

An adjourned Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of July 1858 at 4 o'clock P.M. The President in the Chair.

Absent members.

Present, the whole Board except Messrs. Dickinson, Dyer, Hall, Lowell, Parks, Putnam, Rollins, Shaw, Sprague, and Stockbridge.

Report on Text-Books; consideration of resumed.

The Board resumed the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Text-Books.

On motion of Mr. Wright,

Voted to amend Order No. 3 by striking out the words "in Bartholomew's Drawing Book," in Class 4.

On motion of Mr. Bates of Ward 8, voted to amend the same Order by adding, after Warren Colburn's First Lessons, the words "New Edition." It was then

Voted to adopt the Books and Expenses for Class 4, with the above amendments.

On motion of Dr. Townsend, the Board adjourned without day.

Attest:

J. Bernard Capen, Secretary.

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A Special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the 20th day July, 1858, at 4 o'clock P.M.

No Quorum.

The President in the Chair. The hour for which the meeting was called having arrived, and no quorum being present, the Secretary called the Roll; when it appeared that the following-named gentlemen were present, viz.: Messrs. Bates of Ward 3, Bates of Ward 8, Chadman Chandler, Crafts, Cudworth, Dawes, Day, Dennett, Dickinson, Drew of Ward 5, Dyer, Ellis, French, Greene, Hall, Hayes, Homans, Hooper, Kimball, Lewis, Lothrop, Lowell, Marvin, Miles, Moccus, Palmer of Ward 3, Palmer of Ward 4, F. E. Parker, Parks, Porter, Putnam, Randall, Read, Rich, Robbins, Rolfe, Sanborn, Shaw, Simpson, Smith, Sprague, Stockbridge, Townsend, Upham, Woodbury, and the President of the Common Council.

Absent members.

The following named gentlemen afterwards appeared and took their seats: viz., Messrs. Bates of Ward 2, Bates of Ward 8, Chadman, Crafts, Cudworth, Dawes, Day, Dennett, Dickinson, Drew of Ward 5, Dyer, French, Greene, Homans, Hooper, Lothrop, Lowell, Marvin, Palmer of Ward 4, F. E. Parker, Porter, Rich, Simpson, Stockbridge, Townsend, Upham and Woodbury.

Report on Text Books; consideration of resumed.

The Chair stated that the object of the meeting was to continue the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Text-Books (page 460.)

On motion of Mr. F. E. Parker, Voted to insert in Class 3, Thomson Eclectic's First Lessons, New Edition.

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On motion of Mr. Bates, of Hyde, Voted to strike out Greenleaf's Common School Arithmetic, (in Class 3.)

On motion of Dr. Lyman, Voted to strike out, (in Class 3) "Mitchell's Primary School Geography," and insert "Warren's Geography."

On motion of Mr. Wright, Voted to strike out, in Class 3, the words "in Bartholomew's Drawing Book."

Voted to adopt the books and exercises for Class 3, as amended.

Voted to strike out, in Class 2, "Greenleaf's Common School Arithmetic," and insert "Warren Colburn's First Lessons, New Edition, and Eaton's Arithmetic."

On motion of Dr. Townsend, Voted to introduce Warren's Geography, in Class 2, in place of Mitchell's.

Voted to adopt the books and exercises for Class 2, as amended.

On motion of Mr. F. E. Parker,

Voted to insert, in Class 1, the following: "No. 5, Warren Colburn's First Lessons, New Edition, and Eaton's Arithmetic."

On motion of Mr. Bates, of Hyde,

Voted to strike out, in Class 1, and 2, the Reading in Hillard's First Class Reader; and, on motion of Mr. Wright, to insert "or in the Progressive Speaker and Common School Reader, at the election of the Sub-Committee on each School." On motion of Mr. F. E. Parker,

Voted to insert in Class 1, the following: "No. 15, Weaver's Practical Guide to English Pronunciation."

On motion of Dr. Russell, Voted to introduce, in Class 4, and Class 3, in Colburn's First Lessons, New Edition, the words, "with Lessons in Mental Arithmetic on the Slate & Blackboard."

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to be adopted the text-books and exercises in Class H, as amended.

Order No. 3, of the Report was then adopted, substituting Section 9, as amended, for Sections 9, 10 and 11, of the Rules and Regulations, Chapter 10.

Section 10, of the Report was then adopted. (Page 464.)

Text-Books: supply of to the Schools

Mr. Hill offered the following:—

Ordered, That the Committee on Text Books be directed to procure, by purchase or otherwise, of the Publishers a sufficient supply of all the books required to be used in the Schools in this city, by the Rules of this Board, and deposit them in one or more stores in each School District, convenient for the pupils of said district; and that said books shall be sold to the scholars for such prices as shall be decided by this Board, and in no case to be more than 40 per cent above the cost of manufacturing said books; and that all books not made of the best quality of materials, and well and strongly bound, shall be returned to the Publishers.

Read and laid upon the table.

Report of Committee on Salaries: on Miss Ward's services

Dr. Bolman, from the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred an Order (page 463) that Miss Emily K. Ward be paid $40.33 for services in the Chapman School, reported in favor of the adoption of the Order. The Report was accepted and the Order adopted.

Mr. F. S. Parker offered the following Order:- | July 20. 1858.
Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be instructed to provide a new Primary School House in the Hancock School District. Read & passed. | New Primary School in Hancock Dist't.

Mr. Sykes offered the following; | Miss C. E. Lothrop's services
Ordered, That Miss Mary E. Lothrop be paid the sum of fifteen dollars in fifteen days service as a substitute in the Adams School. Read and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Randall offered the following; | New Primary School in Franklin District.
Ordered, That the Committee on the Franklin District be authorized to establish a new Primary School in that District. Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Nominations &c

Miss Ordelia Lothrop was nominated as Head Assistant in the Lyman School. | Lyman School.

Elizabeth J. Bailey was nominated as Assistant in the Quincy School. | Quincy.

Lucy C. Howard was nominated as a Primary Teacher in the Chapman District. | Chapman District.

Sarah E. Chandler was confirmed as an Assistant in the Quincy School. | Quincy School

Sophronia N. Herrick was confirmed as a Primary Teacher in the Quincy District. | & District.

And the Board adjourned. Attest.

Bernard Capen Secretary.

Sept. 1. 1858

A Special Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall on Wednesday, the first day of September, 1858, at Four o'clock P.M. by order of His Honor the Mayor, pursuant to the following requisition:-

To His Honor the Mayor: We, the undersigned, members of the School Committee of the City of Boston, respectfully request that a meeting of the Board be called, to be held on Wednesday, the 1st day of September, 1858. Thomas H. Chandler, J. D. Philbrick, Charles L. Homans, G. F. Blanchard, J. F. Jarvis.

The President in the Chair. The hour for which the meeting was called having arrived, and no quorum being present, the Secretary called the Roll, when it appeared that the following-named gentlemen were present, viz: Messrs. Allen, Bacon, Burroughs, Codman, Crosby, Cudworth, Dana, Dickinson, Dimmick, E. L. Dow, Dyer, Ellis, Folsom, French, Greene, Hall, Hazelton, Jarvis, Kimball, Lovell, Lyman, Mann, Miller, Minns, Morse, C. T. G. Pelton, Quincy, Pelton, J. E. Porter, Parks, Plimpton, Porter, Putnam, Randall, Rich, Richardson, Robbins, Shelton, Sias, Shurtleff, Simpson, Smith, Sprague, Stockbridge, Sykes, Townsend, Turner, Upham, Weld, Wight, and the President of the Common Council.

Absent: Messrs. Day, Dickinson, Dyer, Folsom, Greene, Hall, Kimball, Minns, C. T. G. Pelton, Plimpton, Rich, Turner, Upham & Stewards

Upon and took their seats. But, there still being no quorum, the meeting dissolved.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

A Quarterly Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the seventh day of September, 1858, at 4 o'clock P.M. The President in the Chair. Sept. 7. 1858.

Present. – The whole Board except Messrs. Coleman, Day, E. E. Dean, Haynes, Hazelton, Jones, Keep, Lowell, Palmer, Ward 5, Parks, Putnam, Richardson, Shaw, Smith, and the President of the Common Council. Absent members.

The following teachers were confirmed on nomination of their respective Committees, viz. – Nominations of Teachers.

Charles H. Cummston, First Sub Master, Luther Wilderson, Second Sub Master, and Ephraim Hunt, Usher, in the English High School. Eng. High School.

Charles Hutchins, Sub Master in the Dwight School. Dwight.

William I. Clarke, Usher in the Hawes School. Hawes.

Elizabeth A. Graves, Primary Teacher in the Bigelow District. Bigelow District.

The following teachers were nominated as being on probation; viz. –

Charles Carroll, Usher in the English High School. Eng. High.

Eliza B. Snow, Assistant in the Dwight Girls' School. Dwight.

Anna L. Learned and Georgianna D. Russell, Assistants in the Eliot School. Susan D. Knowlton, Primary Teacher in the Eliot District. Eliot School & District.

Harriet F. Hammond, Primary, in the Hawes District. Hawes District.

S. A. Read, Primary, in the Lawrence District. Lawrence "

Mary W. Conant and Jane L. Hapgood, Ushers in the Lawrence School. Lawrence School.

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Emily F. Robins, & Josephine Dugan Assistants in the Phillips School

Winthrop School District.

Mary C. Seales and Mary C. Davis in the Winthrop School

" "

Anne C. Faherton and Sara A. Luton in Primary Schools in the Winthrop District.

Laurence School

Marguerite A. Brady was confirmed as Assistant in the Laurence School.

Winthrop School

Romulus F. Rice was nominated as Acting Teacher in the Winthrop School.

Music: Semi-Annual Report on

Dr. Read presented in print the Semi-Annual Report of the Committee on Music, being Ex. Document No. 34; the reading of which it was voted to dispense with.

Quarterly Reports

The Chair then called for the Quarterly Reports on the examination and condition of the High and Grammar Schools and of the Primary Schools in the several Districts; which were read and accepted.

Committee to make Ann'l Report of the Board.

The Chair appointed the following gentlemen to make the Annual Report of the School Committee; viz: Messrs. S. E. Baker, Blackmer, Lyman, Upham, Burnham, Kimball and Dean.

Latin School: additional accommodations for.

On motion of Dr. Shurtleff, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to take speedy and efficient measures to provide additional accommodations in the Latin School House, made necessary by the recent increase

in the number of pupils. — Sept. 7, 1858.

Mr. A. D. Parker offered the following:— — New Primary School in Boylston District.

Ordered, That the District Committee of the Boylston School have leave to establish a new Primary School in said District. Referred with full powers, to the Committee on School Houses.

Dr. Brewer offered the following:— — Ellen E. Leach's services.

Ordered, That Twenty five Dollars be paid to Miss Ellen E. Leach, for services rendered in a Primary School in East Street for one month, from June 26, to July 25th, 1858. ($25.00.) Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Dr. Hooper, from the Committee on School Houses, reported the following Order, and the same passed; — Rep't. Com. on School Houses: Latin School accommodations.

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to prepare a room in the basement of the Latin School House, in Bedford Street, for a School room.

Dr. Palmer, from the Committee on Salaries, reported the following Order; viz: — Rep't. Com. on Salaries: Miss E. E. Lothrop's Services.

Ordered, That Miss Mary E. Lothrop be paid the sum of Fifteen Dollars, for fifteen days' service in the Adams School, as substitute. The Order passed.

On motion made by Dr. Lothrop, and passed, the Superintendent of Schools read to the Board an account of his visit to the Public Schools in the City of New York. — Superintendent's Report on New York Schools.

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referred.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop the several reports of the Superintendent on the year were referred to the Committee to prepare the Annual Report.

Text Books:
Warren's Geography.

Mr. Thompson moved to reconsider the action of the Board adopting Warren's Geography as a Text Book for the Common Schools. On motion of Mr. Kimball the further consideration of the subject was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop, the Board then adjourned.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

A Special Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the ninth day of November, 1858, at five o'clock P.M. The President in the Chair. Nov. 9. 1858

Present,

The whole Board, except Messrs. Bates of Ward 8, Brewer, Chandler, Dickinson, Dix of Ward 5, Hinckley, Keep, Lewis, Lovell, J. E. Parker, Randall, Read, Rich, Richardson, Robbins, Sanborn, Shaw, Smith, Stockbridge, Sykes, Townsend, and the President of the Common Council. Members absent.

The following teachers were, upon nomination of their respective Committees, confirmed; viz.— Confirmations.

Cordelia C. Lothrop, Head Assistant in the Adams School. Adams School.

H. Delia Stickney, a Primary teacher in the Chapman District. Chapman Dist.

L. Emeline Pomeroy, an Assistant in the Hancock School. Hancock Sch.

Mary G. Powell, an Assistant in the Mayhew School. Mayhew School

The following Teachers, on probation, were nominated to the Board; viz, Geo. H. C. Tolle, William N. Eayrs, and Moses Merrill, Ushers in the Latin School. Nominations.

Latin School

Adams "

Mary E. Lothrop, Assistant in the Adams School.

Louisa M. Wellington, Assistant in the Bigelow School. Bigelow "

Sarah A. Graham in a Primary School, Bigelow District. Bigelow Dist.

Lucy C. Howard, Head Assistant in the Boylston School. Boylston School

Ann Desmond, in a Primary School Boylston District. Boylston Dist.

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Chapman Dist. Elizabeth G. Johnson and M. Louisa Colburn, in Primary Schools in the Chapman District.

Franklin Schol. Mary L. Ray, assistant in the Franklin School.

Hancock Dist. Mary L. Cunningham in a Primary School in the Hancock District.

Lawrence " Mary F. Perkins in a Primary School in the Lawrence District.

Dr. Palmer from the Committee on Salaries, to whom the subject had been referred, reported the following Order; viz:

Miss E. Leach's services

Ordered, That Twenty five Dollars be paid to Miss Ellen E. Leach, for services as teacher in a Primary School in East Street for one month, from June 26th to July 25, 1858. The Order passed.

Communication from Mrs. H. G. Otis.

The Chair read a communication from Mrs. Harrison Gray Otis, in which she asks permission to request the scholars of the Public Schools to give their aid and assistance to the Mount Vernon Association for the purchase of the tomb of Washington."

Dr. Palmer offered the following, which passed:-

Ordered, That the 24th section of Chapter VIII, of the Rules and Regulations be so far suspended as to allow Mrs. H. G. Otis, in conformity with her application, to visit the Public Schools of the City to take up among the children a contribution in aid of the funds of the Ladies' Mount Vernon Association for the purchase of that hallowed spot, the residence of Washington, and its consecration as a public domain; and

final monument to his memory, and to noble Nov. 9. 1858.
and patriotic purposes. (A)

Subsequently, on motion of Dr. Bethop, the vote, whereby the above Order was adopted, was reconsidered, and it was voted to amend the Order as follows: viz. to insert after "A," as follows: That the Chairman of each District Committee be authorized to make all necessary arrangements for the taking up of these contributions, and to introduce the subject, and Mrs. Otis, to the Schools in his District, in such way as he may deem expedient; and that the sums received by contributions, in the separate Schools or Districts, shall not be published or a record preserved of them, but only the whole sum received from all the Schools in the city be published and recorded. The question was taken on the original Order as amended, and it was not adopted. - three-fourths not voting to suspend the Rules. Dr. Lothrop then moved, and it was voted to refer the original Order to a Committee. The Chair appointed as that Committee - Messrs. Lothrop, Putnam, Ellis, Drew of Ward 8, and Rot 24. The same gentleman moved a suspension of Section 24. Chap. VIII; and that the same motion be laid upon the table, which was adopted.

Ordered, That there be paid to Miss Mary C. Hall Mary C. Hall's
Twelve Dollars for services as teacher for two weeks, ending services.
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Referred

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to the Committee on Salaries.

Miss E. E. Johnson's Salary.

Ordered, That the Salary of Miss Elizabeth E. Johnson, - she having served the City one and one half years as primary teacher, be continued at the rate of $350. per annum. Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mary F. Crosby's Services.

Ordered, That the sum of Fifty Dollars be paid to Miss Mary Frances Crosby, for ten weeks' service as substitute in the Paris Street Primary School, from the 10th of May to the 24th of July, inclusive. Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Catharine Grant's Services.

Ordered, That the sum of Twenty four dollars be paid to Catharine Grant, for services as Assistant-teacher in a Primary School in Silver Street (Lawrence District,) from April 3. to May 1st. Referred to Committee on Salaries.

Maria D. Jarvis's Salary.

Ordered, That Maria D. Jarvis be allowed the maximum wages, for services as a Primary Teacher; she having previously served the City as teacher in the House of Reformation, four years. Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Resignations of J. E. Bates Luther Parks Jr. Wm. Dickinson.

The Chair read the resignations on the Board of School Committee, of Joseph E. Bates of Ward Five, Luther Parks Jr. of Ward Eleven, and William Dickinson of Ward Twelve, all of which were accepted. Whereupon

Notice to Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Haynes, That notice be sent to the Board of Aldermen that vacancies will exist in this Board, at the close of the present

municipal year, occasioned by the resignation of Jos. H. Nov. 9. 1858.
Bates, of Ward 5, whose term of office expires in 1860;
of Luther Jacks Jr. of Ward Eleven, whose term expires
in 1860; and of William Dickinson of Ward Twelve,
whose term expires in 1861.

Mr. Hill moved to take from the table an Order Text Books:
offered by him in July, (page 470) relative to the supply Supply of
and cost to the pupils, of the text-books required to to the pupils
be used in the Schools. The motion was rejected.
Mr. Hill then moved a reconsideration of the vote
whereby the Board declined to take the said Order
from the table; and called for the yeas & nays.
The yeas and nays were taken, when the Board ad-
hered to their former decision; twenty-two gentle-
men voting yea, and twenty-five gentlemen voting
nay, as follows: - yeas - Messrs. Alley, Beck, Cook,
Endsworth, J. L. Dean, Hazelton, Hill, Homans, Jun.
Mann, Miner, C. D. G. Putnam, Ezra Putnam, Rimp-
ton, Putnam, Rolfe, Shuttleff, Simpson, Spiague,
Turner, Woodbury, and Wright. Nays - Messrs. Allen
Burroughs, Coleman, Dame, Day, Dean, Dunton, Ben-
nett, Ellis, Fabyan, French, Greene, Hall, Haynes,
Hooper, Kimball, Lothrop, Lyman, Miles, Parsons,
S. D. Parker, Porter, Riley, Russell and Upham.

Dr. Hooper, from the Committee on School Houses, re-
ported the following Order, and the same passed; viz.
Ordered, That the Committee of the Franklin School

Aug. 9. 1858. District Com authority to establish a new Primary School in that District. Passed.

Mr. Tatman, from the Committee on Salaries, reported the following Order; viz Ordered, That Miss Mary C. Hall be paid for two weeks service in a Primary School in Lexington Street, ending Sept. 18. 1858. Passed.

On motion of Mr. Eodman the Board adjourned.

Attest.

Bernard Capen, Secretary.

A Quarterly Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, December 7th, 1858, at 4 o'clock P.M. The President in the Chair. Dec. 7. 1858.

Present, - The whole Board, except Messrs. Bates, of Wards, Burroughs, Kinnicutt, Homans, Kimball, Lewis, Linnell, Putnam of Ward 11, Richardson, Robbins, Shaw, Stockbridge, Sykes, Woodbury, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The following Teachers were confirmed; viz. - Charles Carroll, Master in the English High School. Mary E. Lothrop, Assistant in the Adams School. Mary H. Tarr, and Eliza B. Snow, Assistants in the Dwight School for Boys. Elenora Breasha, Assistant in the Hancock School. Mary L. Cunningham, Primary Teacher in the Hancock District. Harriet Hammond, a Primary Teacher in the Hawes District. Jane Sharpe, Assistant in the Lawrence School. Josephine Ingunnesa and Emily A. Perkins, Assistants in the Phillips School. Mary E. Yeates and Mary E. Dunn, Assistants in the Winthrop School. Anne E. Fiske and Dora Norton, Primary Teachers in the Winthrop District. Sarah Pollard was nominated as on probation in the Dwight School for Girls. Mary Newell in the Winthrop School, and Ellen Confirmation of Teachers

Dec. 7. 1858. E. Leach in a Primary School in the Winthrop District, was nominated as on probation.

Report on Comm'n Mrs. H. G. Otis.

Dr. Withrop read the Report of the Committee to whom was referred, at the last meeting, the communication of Mrs. H. G. Otis, asking leave to visit the Public Schools of the City, for the purpose of presenting the object of the Ladies' Mount Vernon Association, and taking up contributions in its behalf, from the children.

The Committee submitted, and recommended the adoption of the following Orders:-

Ordered, That the 24th Section of the 8th Chapter of the Rules and Regulations be so far suspended as to allow the object of the Ladies' Mount Vernon Association to be presented in the Public Schools of the City, and a contribution in aid of that object to be taken up among the children.

Ordered, That the time fixed for this purpose be the Wednesday and Thursday of the approaching Christmas week, the 22nd & 23d of December inst; and that the matter be managed and directed by the Chairmen of each High School and District Committee, or, in case of the failure of any such Chairman, by some person previously and duly appointed thereto by the Committee in which the failure occurs.

Ordered, That, on Wednesday, the 22nd of December, the Chairman of each of the above Committees, or the person duly appointed to act in his place, proceed to the Grammar School under his charge, and in such way as he shall deem advisable, address the children of said School, and, having made them acquainted with the object contemplated, direct that such contributions as they may be disposed to make, be brought to the School the next morning, Thursday, and placed, by each child, in the hands, or in a box on the desk of, his or her teacher, to be, by said teacher, sent to the Master of the School, who shall send, or deliver the same to His Honor, the Mayor of the City, who will pay it to the Treasurer, stating to her, and to the public, only the gross amount from all the Schools, and not the particular sums received from each School.

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Ordered, That, if any District Committee, or the Chairman thereof, deem it advisable to take up a contribution for this object in any Primary School in his District, he is at liberty to do so, provided said contribution be taken up before the 22nd of December; and that no child in any Primary School be allowed to give more than one cent.

On motion of Dr. Lyman, the Report was accepted. The question on the first of the Orders offered by the Committee was then taken, and the Order was

Dec. 7. 1858 not adopted. The question on the remaining Order was consequently not put.

Quarterly Reports. The Quarterly Reports on the examination and condition of the High and Grammar Schools, and of the Primary Schools in the various Districts, were read and accepted.

Primary School Committee. Ordered, That the Committee on the Bowdoin School District be authorized to establish an additional primary School in that District. Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Le Montier services. Ordered, That the sum of One hundred Dollars be paid to Lieut. Leon de Montier, for his services as French Teacher in the English High School for the quarter ending Dec. 1. 1858. Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Latin School Add. Accom. Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to take the necessary measures for enlarging the accommodations of the Public Latin School, by the addition of one story to the Building. Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Ordered, That the sum of $70.68 be paid to Miss A. Josephine Dunning, also the same amount, - $70.68, - to Miss Emily A. Perkins, - for services as teachers in the Phillips School, from Sept. 6. to Dec. 30th,

inclusive. Referred to the Committee on Salaries. Dec. 7. 1858.

The Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred the following Order, - "That there be paid to Maria D. Jarvis the maximum wages for services as Primary School Teacher, - she having previously served the City as teacher in the House of Reformation four years." - respectfully Report: That the same ought not to pass, for the reason that the Rules of this Board do not recognize services rendered elsewhere, in the gradation of Salary, but expressly provide that the salary of the teachers of the Primary Schools shall be $250 for the first year of service rendered the City under the appointment of this Board.

For the Committee E. Palmer, Chairman

Read, and accepted.

The Committee on Salaries recommend the passage of the following; -

Ordered, That the sum of Sixty Dollars be paid to Miss. Mary Frances Crosby, for ten weeks service in the Paris Hill Primary School, from the 10th of May, to the 24th of July, inclusive.

For the Committee, E. Palmer, Chairman.

Read, and the Order passed.

The Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred the following Order, - "That the sum of Twenty four Dollars be paid to Catharine Grant,

Dec. 7. 1858. for services as Assistant Teacher in a Primary School in Silver Street (Lawrence District) from April 5. to May 1st" respectfully report: That the action of the Lawrence District Committee, in making such an appointment, was irregular; our Rules recognizing no such office as that of assistant Teacher of a Primary School, and, consequently, providing no salary for the same. The Board will remember that this is a second instance of a similar irregularity on the part of the same District Committee, within a very short period.

Your Committee respectfully state that they have no recommendation to make in the matter.

For the Committee, E. Palmer, Chairman.

Voted, on motion of Mr. Miner, that the bill of Miss Grant, for her services, be paid.

The Superintendent of Public Schools, read his Quarterly Report, which was accepted.

Ordered, on motion of Dr. Lothrop, - That the Committee on Salaries consider and report, whether persons formerly in the employ of the City, and reappointed after an absence of one, two, or more years, shall be allowed their former term of service, and thus entitled to the increased salary which this term, if allowed, would bring them, or whether such persons shall rank as new teachers, and begin with the salary agreed to be paid to such teachers.

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Ordered,—on motion of Dr. Lothrop,—That the Committee on Salaries inquire into the mode in which the salaries of teachers may be paid, in bulk at the beginning of the school-year, and the increase of salary due to those teachers whose continuance in the service of the city entitles them to an increase, are paid at the city Treasury; with a view to determine whether said mode,—which it is understood, is to deduct from pay in the first quarter of the school-year, the days that happen to intervene between the first of September and the first Monday in September, when the school work actually begins,—be in harmony with the regulation which provides that the school-year shall be calculated from the First of September to the Thirty-first of August; and with the stipulation that the salaries for the year shall, in each case, be a certain sum, which is distinctly specified; and, thus, whether this mode be a fulfilment or, in any case, a violation of the contract made by this Board with the teachers; and that they be authorized to procure the opinion of the City Solicitor upon this point, should, in they shall deem it necessary, and report the same to this Board, with such order, if any, as they shall think demanded in the premises.

Ordered,—on motion of Dr. Lothrop,—That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider whether any

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change is needed in existing Regulations, or any entirely new Regulations are needed, to prevent the assignment of too long lessons to be learned out of school, or to check the spirit emulation between the different schools, or the pupils of the same school, or to guard against impairing the health of the children by too severe requirements in the Public Schools.

The Chair read a communication from Mr. H. Williams asking the Board to allow him such sum as it might deem sufficient and just, for services performed for Mr. Southard in giving Music Lessons &c. in the Adams, Chapman and Lyman Schools; for which services, Mr. Williams stated, he had not been, and presumed he should not be, able to obtain any remuneration.

The communication was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Adjourned.

Attest.

Samuel Capen, Secretary.

Dec. 28. 1858.

A Special Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the 28th day of December, 1858, at 4 o'clock P.M. The President in the Chair.

Present,

The whole Board, except Messrs. Eastman, Day, Dyer, Hill, Hinckley, Homans, Lewis, Lowell, Mann, Randall, Richardson, Robbins, Rolfe, Tenbrook, Thaw, Sykes, Townsend, and the President of the Common Council.

George W. C. Noble and Moses Merrill were confirmed as Ushers in the Latin School.

Mary W. Conant was confirmed as an Assistant in the Lawrence School.

The Chair communicated to the Board an Order passed in City Council, and approved by the Mayor Dec. 27th requesting the School Committee to furnish the scholars of the Quincy School with suitable School-books.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Ellis, it was ——

Ordered, That the Quincy School Dist. Committee be a special Committee, with full powers to carry into execution the wishes of the City Council respecting books being furnished to the pupils of the Quincy School, on account of the loss to those pupils by the burning of their School-house on the 17th instant.

Dr. Palmer, from the Committee on Salaries, reported the following Order, and the same was adopted: —

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Ordered, That the sum of $70.68 be paid to Miss Josephine Duganne; also the same amount, $70.68, to Miss Emilie F. Perkins, for services teaching in the Phillips School, from Sept. 6 to Dec. 30th, inclusive.

Dr. Palmer, from the Committee on Salaries, offered the following; Whereas Miss Hannah Manton having resigned her office as Female Teacher in the English High-School, Dec. 30, 1858,- that being the completion of a quarter,- Voted, That the sum of $100, be paid the said Miss Manton above mentioned, in full of all demands. Passed.

Dr. Palmer, from the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred, at the last meeting, the communication from Mr. W. Williams,- offered the following:- Voted, That there be paid to Mr. W. Williams the sum of $25.00. On motion of Mr. Miner, the subject was recommitted.

The Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred the following Order- (offered at the last meeting, in reference to the salary of teachers re-appointed after an absence of one, two, or more years,) respectfully Report:- That they have given the submitted Order much consideration; and believe that the language of the note fixing the salaries of teachers, directly in-juries, in all cases, where an annual increase occurs, annually succeeding service. Thus.- (I quote from the note passed in June of this year, establishing the

Salaries.) "The salary of the Masters of the Grammar Schools shall be $800 for the first year, with an annual increase of $100, till it amounts to $1000,00. The salary of the Assistants in the Grammar Schools shall be $300.00, with an annual increase of $50 till it amounts to $450,00 per annum." This language of the vote does not contemplate resignation and re-appointment with intervening absences of one, two, or more years, but, in the opinion of your Committee, continued service. The following vote is therefore submitted. For the Committee. Dec. 28. 1858.

E. Palmer, Chairman.

Voted, That re-appointed incumbents in the service of this Board, shall rank as new teachers, and begin with the salary agreed to be paid to such teachers. Passed.

The Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred the following Order, - "That the salary of Elizabeth G. Johnson, - she having served the City one and one half years as Primary Teacher, - be continued at the rate of $330,00 per annum", - respectfully Report: - The facts in the case of this teacher are as follows. Some three years and a half ago she was appointed a Primary School Teacher. After serving the City a year and a half she resigned the office for the sake of the benefit and pleasure of a voyage by sea. After an interval of two years she was re-appointed; and the order asks for her, that this resig-

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nation and absence be ignored, and the salary progressively increased.

Your Committee hold that that year's faithful service, anterior to resignation, cannot be taken into the account in appreciating the present salary, but that the last appointment must be considered an original one, and the services paid accordingly. For our rules imply, in connection with increase of salary, continued service; and continuous service implies increasing skill in teaching.

Your Committee report, therefore, that the Order ought not to pass.

For the Committee,
E. Palmer, Chairman.

Read and accepted.

The Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred (at the last meeting) the following Order:- "That the Committee on Salaries inquire into the mode in which the salaries of teachers newly appointed at the beginning of the school year, and the increase of salary due to those teachers whose continuance in the service of the City entitles them to an increase, are paid at the City Treasury"; &c. &c. — respectfully Report:-

That the mode of paying teachers at the City Treasury is in direct accordance with that rule of the Board which regulates their payment. They find no rule directing that, in the payment of salaries, the school-year shall be calculated from the first of September to the 31st of August. There is a rule, the one probably

alluded to in R. Code, constituting Sect. 1, of Chap. V. Dec 28. 1858
to this effect, viz. - "The School Year shall commence on the first day of Septr. - and end on the thirty first day of August." This rule your Committee consider not a financial but an academical rule; implying, according to its language, when the School Year shall begin and end. For instance, admissions are made at the beginning of the school year to each of our superior Schools. On the completion of our school year the pupil is advanced from a lower class to a class above. So, also, we have in College, Freshman year, Sophomore year, &c.

The Board will see that, according to this rule, the beginning and end of the School year occur, curiously enough, six years out of seven, in the midst of the Summer vacation; and your Committee think that it would be more in harmony with reason for this rule to state that the School year commenced not in the midst of a vacation, but at the actual beginning of the year, viz, when the business of the year, the actual work, begins; and when, according to an explicit financial rule of this Board, pay begins also. Now, if "Mahomet cannot go to the mountain, the mountain should come to Mahomet"; and the School-year should either begin on the first Monday of September or the said term should commence on the first day of September. The rule regulating the payment of newly appointed teachers, - to commence

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their duties with the beginning of the school-year, or at any other time, will be found in Sec. 18, of Chap. IV, and is in these words: "Teachers shall be considered entitled to their established salaries from the time of their entering upon their duties." Consequently, a newly appointed teacher, commencing service with the present Fall term, viz. Sept. 6, 1858, will receive pay from that date. Now, when does his first year terminate? Clearly, with the termination of the day immediately preceding the first Monday in September, 1859. And in the year so beginning and ending, the appointee will receive the salary voted by this Board for that grade of teachers to which he may belong; and for his second years service he will receive his increased salary, and so on.

Your Committee recommend the passage of the following rule: - Voted, That the mode of paying the salaries of teachers at the City Treasury is in accordance with the rule of the Board which directs the manner of their payment; and that it cannot in any case, occasion a violation of the contract made by this Board with the teachers.

Respectfully submitted.

For the Committee, E. Palmer, Chairman.

The subject, after a discussion, was, on motion of Mr. Plummer, referred to the next Board.

On motion of Mr. Wright, -

Ordered, That Miss A. Delia Hickney be transferred from the Primary School on Tenth-st. Hunt, to the Class in the Chapman School made vacant by the resignation of Miss Morton; and that her salary be continued the same as if this transfer had not been made. Dec. 28. 1858.

Mr. Ellis formally communicated to the Board information of the destruction by fire, on the night of the 17th of December, of the Quincy School-House; and offered the following Orders, both of which passed, viz.—

Ordered, That the Quincy School District Committee be directed to consider the matter of replacing the Quincy School by a new building on the old location, or in some more convenient place; and report at the next meeting of the Board.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be so far suspended as to authorize the Quincy School District Committee to hold a double session in the Quincy School,—to wit, from 9 A.M. to 1.30 P.M.—during such a portion of their term of occupancy of the Old Franklin School House, as they may deem expedient.

On motion of Dr. Lyman,—

Ordered, That the Committee to prepare the Annual Report of this Board be authorized to report in print.

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On motion of Dr. Shurtleff

Ordered, that the sum of Three Hundred Dollars be paid to Oliver H. Dunn, for his services as Messenger of this Board during the past year, - being the same amount as paid the previous year.

Dr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, reported on the Order passed at the last meeting, in reference to the assignment of Pupils to be learned out of School, &c. &c.; - that the Committee had not had time to prepare so full and thorough a report upon the subject as they think should be made; and that recommended the adoption of the following Order, which was accordingly adopted: -

Ordered, That the Order of this Board, referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, in relation to too great appeal to the principle of emulation, and too great pressure upon the pupils, be referred to the next Board.

Dr. Read presented a request from Mr. Charles Butler, teacher of Music in the Quincy School, to be remunerated by the City, for the loss sustained by him by the burning of a Piano-forte at the Fire of the Quincy School House. Referred to the next Board.

Mr. Cruft offered the following Orders: viz: -

Ordered, That the sum of $70.68 be paid to Miss

Elijah B. Brewer for services in the Dwight S. School for Boys from Sept. 6th to Nov. 30th, inclusive. Referred to the Committee on Salaries. Dec. 28. 1858.

Ordered, That the sum of $53.12 be paid to Miss Mary W. Brewer for services in the Dwight S. School for Boys from Sept. 27th to Nov. 30th, inclusive. Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Ordered, That the sum of $17.26 be paid to Miss Susan W. Pollard, for services in the Dwight School for Boys from Sept. 6th to Sept. 21st inclusive. Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Dr. Brewer submitted the Opinion of the City Solicitor upon the Orders relative to Instruction in Vocal Drill &c, (reported to the Board and laid on the table, April 22. 1858.); and moved that the whole subject be referred to the next Board. The subject was so referred.

On motion of Dr. Shurtleff. —

Voted, That the subject of Lectures, by Dr. Tolman, before the teachers and pupils of the three High Schools, be referred to the next Board.

Mr. Bates, of Ward 8, offered the following:—

Voted, That the thanks of this Board be tendered to the President, Hon. Frederick H. Lincoln Jr. for the faithful, able and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations during the past year. Passed unanimously, —

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the members rising, and standing in their places; to which His Honor made a suitable reply.

Thereupon, on motion of Dr. Lothrop, the Meeting dissolved.

Attest:

Barnard Capen, Secretary.

Medals awarded to Boys. (106)

1858.

Latin School.

Arthur Read
William Tucker Washburn
William Cobbs Chadbourn
Charles Bartlett Wells
Charles Eustis Hubbard
Henry Munroe Rogers.

English High.

Samuel B. Capen
George F. Mann
Charles E. Wilson
Charles H. Leuit
Nathaniel P. Hamlen
John L. Sullivan

Adams.

Samuel H. Bailey
Joseph L. Fletcher
James L. Martin
Francis D. Barstow

Boylston.

John J. Fitzgerald
Andrew J. Callahan
John W. Mahoney
Patrick L. Cassidy
Maurice Foley
William J. Donovan

Brimmer

Charles Henry Eaton
Charles Edwin Felton
David Melancthon Hughes
George Francis Jones
Joseph Augustus Moriarty
John Joseph Mundo
Sedney King Richardson
James Farris Smith
Charles Sprenden Ward
Edwin Augustus Wheeler
Abbott Pomroy Wingate.

Chapman

Henry Kenney Jr.
A. Wilbur Carver
Oscar F. Rice
Cyrus A. Cole

Dwight

Frank H. Shapleigh
George J. Cruft
John A. Woodward
Henry H. Tute
Charles W. Burnett
Frank Goodwin
George J. Topliff
George J. Child
H. Storer Barry
Francis J. Turbell.

Eliot

Enoch H. Kelley
Charles H. H. Courtis
Peter Schofield
Benjamin F. Hallett
Frederic P. Gage
Charles B. Kobbick
Jeremiah Kelly
Henry H. Metcalf
William O'Flynn
Martin A. Kinnee
Francis H. Leonard

Hawes

James S. Kingman
George A. Banks
Josiah W. Paige
William S. Hall
George W. Eaton
Samuel Baker
Charles L. Whitcomb
Edward B. James
Le Roy J. Chennington
Edward R. Taylor

Lawrence

Michael Barry
James H. Coffee
Henry C. Short
Irving Jones

Lyman

James B. Mason
George H. Hight

Mayhew

Thomas J. Adams
Marshall P. Stafford
William C. Boardman
George D. Chatterton
Charles S. Doyen
William Horner
Cyrus K. Carpenter

Phillips

Charles W. Perkins
Henry O. Walker
William S. Hubbard
Antonio S. Tolli
S. Wilder Freeman, Jr.
James R. Walker
William C. Jones
Horace V. Freeman
Charles S. Livermore
L. Cushing Kimball
Henry Hayes

Quincy

Henry Dole Stanwood
William Gilson Farlow
Franklin Nash
John Parker Dale

Arthur Rufus Curtis
Grenville Brewer Macomber
Frank Barnard Cotton
Charles Davis
Samson Mason Delano

Edward Hopkins
James Joseph Flanagan
Jeremiah Richards
Abner Bickwell Loring Jr.
Clarence Horton Ball

Medal Awarded to Girls. (104)

1858.

Adams School

Charlotte A. Bailey
Fannie B. Brigham
Abbie M. Allen
Clara E. Lewis

Bigelow

Adelaide M. Cook
Mary Elizabeth Easton
Lucy Anne Lyon
Clara A. Sherman
Hannah B. Pettingill
Martha E. Faunce
Inez Fletcher
Abba E. Russell
Juliette Smith
Lizzie Sharp

Bowdoin

Annie C. A. Atwood
Ellen J. Baker
Kate F. Brewster
Annie C. Crow

Caroline L. Davis
Ellen L. Faunce
Abby E. Herman
Amelia B. Hopkins
Helen E. Tuttle
E. Kate Webb
L. Ella Williams
Caroline A. Woodbury

Boylston

Hannah E. G. Gleason
Catharine E. G. Dugan
Mary E. L. Hanley

Chapman

Georgiana H. Moore
Mary J. Peaslee
Julia M. Pingree
Katy M. Doane

Dwight

Mary J. Gardner
Mary E. Gallagher
Julia A. Jellison

Hannah E. Emerty
Anna E. Haley
Ann J. Carter
Elizabeth J. Browne
Mary E. Johnson

Franklin

Mary L. Richards
Anna E. L. Packer
Bertha M. Wightman
Sarah J. Ward
Henrietta E. Dike
Helen H. Dinsmore
Sarah J. King
Adelaide V. Hartwell
Alice P. Beamis
Mary A. Crocker

Hancock

Mary N. E. Sargent
Ella A. Baker
Annie M. Watson
Josephine F. Robertson
Emily C. Foye
Jeannette D. Monroe
Amy M. Swift
Emily F. Brown
Mary Alice Turner
Emily F. Pendleton
Sarah F. Winsor
Emma L. Tobie

Parthenia F. Partridge
Fannie E. Frith

Lawrence

Harriette F. Hall
Clara J. Willis
Christiana Simpson
Bridget E. Kenney
Mary Helen Dunham
Rachel Leishman
Lucy M. Richardson
Rosanna Nugent
Anna Pamelia Williston

Lyman

Martha A. Tomlinson
Sarah B. Varney
Ellenette Pillsbury
Mary E. Albertson

Wells

Sarah J. Hall
Mary E. Laws
Harriet E. Ruggles
Caroline F. Reed
Mary E. Thomas
Martha M. Clark
Harriet L. Farmer
Emily W. Wells
Sarah P. Merriam

Winthrop.

Mary A. Anderson	Susan N. Furnaux
Mary E. Bruton	Eleanor M. Griffith
Ella M. Beck	Abby F. Hutchins
Emma F. Burrill	Caroline M. Jordan
Fanny F. Clapp	Helen M. Lang
Fanny E. Collis	Louisa Lincoln
Caroline B. Ellis	Susan P. Manno
Augusta C. Fernald	Caroline Richards
Anna M. Steele	

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